

## PFCC Decision Report

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**Report reference number:** 079-22

**Classification:** Not protectively marked

**Title of report:** Domestic abuse commissioning discovery project

**Area of county / stakeholders affected:** Countywide

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### 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of up to £30,000 as a contribution towards a partnership research and discovery project on the systemic response to Domestic Abuse.

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The PFCC approves an allocation of up to £30,000 from the 2022-23 Community Safety Fund to a Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board (SETDAB) partnership discovery research project.

### 3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1. The Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Board (SETDAB) brings together relevant partners from across local authorities (including public health, social care, education), criminal justice and emergency services with the purpose of preventing, reducing and responding to domestic abuse.
- 3.2. Domestic Abuse support currently available has developed piecemeal over several years using funding made available from a range of partners (PFCC, local authority, national and charitable funding) to support the reduction of and response to domestic abuse.

- 3.3. The introduction of the [2021 Domestic Abuse Duties](#) and grant funding commitments from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the Home Office present an opportunity to re-think the design and delivery of pathways for victim support and perpetrator behaviour change programmes.
- 3.4. The partnership has an ambition to ensure early help is designed into the heart of our response to domestic abuse, and where direct support and intervention is needed, that it is designed in a systemic way that offers holistic support to those who need it across Essex.
- 3.5. Each commissioning partner has aligned their perpetrator and victims support contracts to end March 2024 so that we can maximise this opportunity for systemic change through integrated design and commissioning.
- 3.6. This work will commence in June 2022 and be delivered by end-2022 giving sufficient time for system change to occur by the end-March 2024

#### **4. Proposal and Associated Benefits**

- 4.1. The purpose of this discovery work is to complete a design exercise that focuses specifically on understanding better how, as a complex system, we can identify collectively;
  - a) What we doing well and what should we stop doing?
  - b) What are the pathways to support and are they fit for purpose?
  - c) What processes are in place to identify and support perpetrators, victims & survivors?
  - d) What support is available to victims and survivors and how effective is it?
  - c) What support is available for perpetrators and how effective is it?
  - e) How might we identify perpetrators and victims earlier in our work?
  - f) What are the opportunities to work together to design our offer together and differently?
- 4.2. The outputs of the work will be to the benefit of perpetrators, victims and survivors of domestic abuse; to improve outcomes and reduce the occurrence and likelihood of incidents of domestic abuse.
- 4.3. This work acknowledges and builds upon the significant partnership work already undertaken, including the recently published “experts-by-experience research” published by Essex County Council.

#### **5. Options Analysis**

- 5.1 The PFCC could opt not to support this decision, but this would compromise a partnership activity that seeks to improve our collective response to domestic abuse and strengthen the work of the SETDAB partnership.

#### **6. Consultation and Engagement**

- 6.1 This project has been discussed and developed with SETDAB and Strategic Development subgroup as well as through the SETDAB Reference Group

made up of DA providers and other stakeholders. There is broad support for the approach.

## **7. Strategic Links**

- 7.1 This work will support the PFCC in delivering against the priorities to protect vulnerable people and break the cycle of domestic abuse, reduce violence against women and girls and improve support to victims of crime.

## **8. Police operational implications**

- 8.1 There are no direct implications for Essex Police because of this decision, however, they will be fully involved in the work as the insights developed will lead to a significant redevelopment of the support available to tackle domestic abuse.

## **9. Financial implications**

- 9.1 This is unbudgeted activity and as such the PFCC will need to allocate up to £30,000 from the 2022-23 Community Safety Fund. This contribution is match funded by up to £70k of partnership funding from SETDAB partners including, Essex County Council, Essex Police, and Southend and Thurrock Councils.

## **10. Legal implications**

- 10.1 Due to the size, value and complexity of the service this will be subject to an open and competitive tender process which will be undertaken by ECC on behalf of SETDAB.

## **11. Staffing implications**

- 11.1 The PFCC will be represented on the evaluation panel for bidders to this opportunity.

## **12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications**

- 12.1 This project will take account of arrangements that specifically support those with protected characteristics. SETDAB is aware of some challenges and differences in access to information or support for some groups and will utilise this opportunity to learn more about how to ensure support is available for all those that require it. This will help inform the Equality Impact Assessment undertaken when a final support model has been identified and commissioned.

## **13. Risks and Mitigations**

- 13.1 There is the risk that this project doesn't make the desired progress. This is mitigated by a robust evaluation process and formation of a steering group that will support the successful organisation to deliver in line with the project ambitions.

## **14. Governance Boards**

- 14.1 This work has been approved by the SETDAB, chaired by the Dep. PFCC; Jane Gardner.

## **15. Links to Future Plans**

15.1 This project will inform future commissioning plans for the SETDAB partnership and the PFCC's commissioning of victim and perpetrator DA services.

**16. Background Papers and Appendices**

16.1 Request for Quote

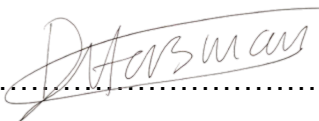


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Chief Executive / M.O.

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Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy MO .....

Date: 13/6/2022 .....

Chief Finance Officer

Sign:  .....

Print: Janet Perry .....

Date: 05 August 2022 .....

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I agree the recommendations to this report:

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Print: Jane Gardner

**Deputy PFCC**

**Date signed: 8 August 2022**

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