

## PFCC Decision Report

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**Classification:** Not protectively marked

**Title of report:** Brake road victims' support

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

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### **1. Executive Summary**

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £7,055 for the provision of victim information packs and central caseworkers from the Road Safety charity; Brake.

### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1. The PFCC approves the allocation of £7,055 from the 2022-23 Community Safety Fund to Brake for the provision of support and information to those involved in serious injuries or road deaths in Essex.

### **3. Background to the Proposal**

- 3.1. The Road Safety Charity Brake work to prevent accidents on the road and reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured. They provide caseworkers and information packs for those injured or the families of those killed in road collisions.
- 3.2. The PFCC has provided funding to Brake in the past as a contribution to the Charity's work including the provision of a national helpline, information pack for victims, campaigning and raising awareness to improve road safety, and dedicated caseworkers to help those impacted by road crashes.

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

- 4.1. The PFCC would allocate £7,055 to Brake as a contribution towards the charity's work to improve safety on the roads, provide information packs for victims and/or victim families, and support those impacted by road crashes.
- 4.2. This funding is made up of a £1,196 contribution to the cost of victim information packs in Essex (at a cost of £13 per pack) and £5,859 for the provision of the National Road Victim Service (NRVS) national caseworkers in Essex. NRVS Central Caseworkers are:
- deployed to a proportion of victims only
  - able to deliver care remotely (by phone and other digital ways)
  - providing c.5 hours' care per case, delivering emotional and practical help and advocacy - nearly always in close partnership with police and additional care from local, community agencies
  - achieving positive outcomes for victims when monitored to wellbeing indicators, such as having access to information and feeling involved and supported.

An NRVS Central Caseworker was deployed to 11 road victim families in Essex in 2021

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

- 5.1 The PFCC has the option not to provide any funding for Brake's work but that would risk destabilising the charity which relies on contributions from a range of national and local partners including PFCCs.
- 5.2 We receive positive endorsement of Brake's work, particularly the impact and quality of their information packs from Essex Police. Deciding not to provide this funding may reduce the support available to victims of road deaths and serious injuries in Essex. It may also compromise Brake's ability to lobby and raise awareness for safer roads.

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

- 6.1 I have sought the advice of the Head of Roads Policing in Essex who confirms that the quality of information and support from Brake is high and that he endorses this investment as representing good value for money.

#### **7. Strategic Links**

- 7.1 This work will support the PFCC in delivering against the priorities to improve support for victims of crime and improve safety on our roads.

#### **8. Police operational implications**

- 8.1 Essex Police make use of the victim information packs; sharing them with victims and their families. They also refer into the case workers where appropriate.

#### **9. Financial implications**

- 9.1 The PFCC will allocate a one-off grant of £7,055 from the 2022-23 Community Safety Fund to the road safety charity Brake.

#### **10. Legal implications**

10.1 This grant will be subject to the PFCC's standard terms and conditions

**11. Staffing implications**

11.1 No implications

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

12.1 The provision of support by Brake is available to all victims (and/or their families) of road death or serious injury.

**13. Risks and Mitigations**

13.1 No risks associated with this funding.

**14. Governance Boards**

14.1 This work has not been reviewed by a governance board.

**15. Links to Future Plans**

15.1 No links to future plans.

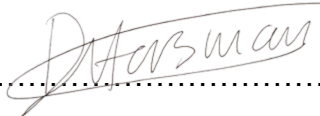
**16. Background Papers and Appendices**

16.1 n/a

**Report Approval**

The report will be signed off by the PFCC's Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the PFCC / DPFCC.

Chief Executive / M.O.

Sign:  .....

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

Date: 5/7/2022 .....

Chief Finance Officer

Sign:  .....

Print: Janet Perry .....

Date: 03 August 2022 .....

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Roger Hirst

**PFCC**

**Date signed:** 4th August 2022

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