

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: Phase 8 of the Essex 'Violence and Vulnerability Joint Budget' funding 2022/23

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide

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1. **Executive Summary**

- 1.1. This report seeks approval to allocate **£64,443** to the organisations detailed in section 4.2 below for delivery against the objectives set out in the Essex V&V Work Programme.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of **£64,443** to support partner organisations to deliver against the priorities within the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme.

3. **Background to the Proposal**

- 3.1. The allocations will support delivery against the Essex Violence & Vulnerability work programme, supported by the V&V partnership. The allocations will enable local partners across Essex to have a positive impact on issues relating to violence and vulnerability, including gangs, 'county lines' and child criminal exploitation.

3.2. This will be funded from the V&V carried forward underspend

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

4.1. This funding supports organisations to deliver on their areas of work outlined in the Essex Violence and Vulnerability Framework (2018) and agreed by the V&V leadership group and the V&V Round Table. These are to reduce serious violence and safeguard those being exploited and at risk of exploitation through gangs and ‘county lines’.

4.2. The PFCC will provide the following funding allocations;

Project	Description	Value
Climbing Trees	Knife harm social media campaign – placement of adverts and creative work	£16,000
Essex Police	Knife Bins (including livery and placement). – New Knife bins due to age and repairs for safety reasons. New bins to be put in place in Basildon and Tendring (a change in the location of the bins) and a replacement bin in Harlow.	£6,500
Essex Police	As part of the work on the high risk cohort we want to improve processing times for individuals linked to drug offences. This funding will establish a pilot with the Serious Violence Unit to test the use of this technology. This drug testing device, TruNarc, enables the composition of a substance to be tested more quickly than existing testing, as sometimes the toxicology report can take up to 4 to 6 months to return. Enabling the drugs to be identified immediately and the individual to be dealt with instantaneously with the correct support being provided at a reachable moment. In addition, this provides opportunities to issue alerts or preventative messaging around the type of substances that people are consuming. Alerts would then be circulated to appropriate partners depending upon the circumstances. For example, at local festivals and music events. For this test of this device to be monitored and if there is a case for further investment for this case to be made via other routes.	£29,943
The Training Effect	Developing and delivering Risk Avert, an awareness programme in schools and communities, linked to resilience and raising awareness of risks and harms.	£12,000
	Total	£64,443

5. Options Analysis

5.1. The PFCC could opt not to allocate this funding, but that would reduce the likelihood of the V&V Partnership delivering on its work programme and the PFCC delivering on the Police and Crime Plan.

5.2. The PFCC could also allocate the funds in a different way though this would not align with the agreed programme as set out by the V&V Partnership and informed by the analysis and expertise of the Partnership.

6. Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1. This proposal has been informed by the V&V Operations Group and delivers against the activity outlined in the V&V business case, approved by the V&V Roundtable in June 2022.

7. Strategic Links

- 7.1. This funding will enable partner organisations to support the priorities within the Police and Crime Plan, including protecting children and vulnerable people from harm and tackling gangs and serious violence.

8. Police operational implications

- 8.1. Essex Police is well engaged with this programme at a strategic and operational level.

9. Financial implications

- 9.1. The PFCC will allocate one-off grants to the value of **£64,443** from the 'Violence and Vulnerability carried forward underspend from 2022/23 from the V&V joint budget.

10. Legal implications

- 10.1 This funding will be subject to the PFCC's standard funding agreement.

11. Staffing implications

- 11.1. Employment of staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the relevant delivery organisation. No liability for the continuation of roles will be placed on the PFCC or other funders because of this grant funding.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

- 12.1. For the activities outlined in section 4.2, we recognise that they support and are accessible to all protected characteristics but are most likely to be targeted to young people who are profiled as being those most likely to be impacted by issues relating to county lines and gangs.
- 12.2. For the interventions, monitoring arrangements for these funds include the requirement to report on the number of vulnerable children and young adults supported as well as steps taken to ensure offers of support are as accessible as possible.
- 12.3. Most of the organisations listed in the table in 4.2 are subject to the public sector equality duty and will be required to consider the impact of the delivery of their activities on those with protected characteristics

13. Risks and Mitigations

- 13.1. All services identified in section 4.2 have demonstrated the need and the requirement for this funding. As this is short-term funding there is a risk that it is not utilised this year meaning funding would have to be returned to contributors and opportunities to make progress against the Police and Crime Plan and V&V work programme may be missed. This is mitigated by formal

funding agreements, and by ensuring organisations are aware of the restrictions on funding and can deliver against these.

14. Governance Boards

14.1 This funding covers a range of agencies and is discussed at various partnership boards, including the Violence and Vulnerability (V&V) Round Table, and V&V Operations Board as well as internal PFCC meetings. The overall approach to the Essex 2022/23 Violence and Vulnerability Work Programme has been signed-off by the Round Table, as part of the V&V business case agreed, (at their meeting on 13th June 2022).

13.2. The V&V Operations Board has responsibility for ensuring oversight of delivery of the 2022/23 V&V Work Programme and recommends the projects and areas of activity within this decision report. These formed part of the agenda of the V&V Operations Board on 15th March 2023. The V&V Operations Board provides appropriate reporting of progress to the V&V Round Table.

15. Links to Future Plans

15.1 This work supports delivery of the Police & Crime Plan and the multi-year V&V business case.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

16.1. None

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: *DHorsman*

Print: Darren Horsman - Deputy Monitoring Officer

Date: 14 April 2023

Chief Financial Officer

Sign: 

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 2 June 2023

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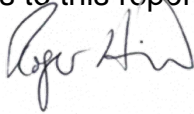
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I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign:



Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 08/06/2023

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