

PFCC Decision Report

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Title of report: SETDAB funding 2023-24

Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report seeks approval from the PFCC to allocate an annual grant of £120,000 from the 2023-24 Victims' budget to the Southend, Essex & Thurrock Domestic Abuse (SETDA) partnership as a contribution to the costs of running the SETDA Board which includes staffing, training, delivery of an annual conference, and SETDA Board secretariat functions.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the PFCC approves the allocation of £120,000 to SETDA as a contribution to the costs of the SETDA partnership in 2023-24.

3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1 This funding is an annual commitment from the PFCC to the SETDA partnership. In addition to this PFCC contribution, the SETDA partnership receives funding contributions from Essex County Council and in-kind contributions from Essex Police.
- 3.2 The PFCC has contributed to this partnership over previous years. The work of the SETDAB team supports the Southend, Essex and Thurrock Domestic Abuse Strategic Development Group and SETDA Board, both of which are chaired by representatives of the PFCC. The decision report approving last year's funding for the partnership has reference number 032-22.

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

- 4.1 The funding is used to employ staff including the Head of DA Partnerships and a team of project staff that undertake activity to support the delivery of the SETDA strategy and run the various partnership meetings including the DA Board and SETDA Strategic Development Group.
- 4.2 The funding also contributes to the delivery of an annual DA partnership conference which traditionally engages hundreds of partners and practitioners and disseminates good practice and developments from the SETDA partnership.

5. Options Analysis

- 5.1 The PFCC could opt not to support this decision. This is not recommended as the SETDAB partnership is central to the effective delivery of the PFCC's ambition to break the cycle of domestic abuse. The partnership provides focus and consistency of approach in Essex's multi-agency efforts to tackle domestic abuse.

6. Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1 The PFCC is well engaged in the SETDA partnership. Funding for the partnership is requested annually from contributing agencies.

7. Strategic Links

- 7.1 This funding allows the PFCC to fulfil its commitments within the Police and Crime Plan relating to breaking the cycle of domestic abuse, improving support for victims of crime, and protecting vulnerable people from harm. It also supports the SETDAB partnership strategy.

8. Police operational implications

- 8.1 There are no direct operational implications for Essex Police.

9. Financial implications

- 9.1 The PFCC will allocate £120,000 from the 2023-24 Victims' budget. This is an annual contribution and has been factored into the Victims' budget.
- 9.2 SETDAB also receives funding from other partners including Essex County Council.

10. Legal implications

- 10.1 This funding is subject to the PFCC's standard grant agreement.

11. Staffing implications

- 11.1 The use of this funding to employ staff or sessional workers will be the responsibility of the host organisation. No liabilities, immediate or ongoing, will be placed on the PFCC as a result of this funding.

12. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion implications

- 12.1 SETDAB recognises the importance of access and support for all victims and includes this in its partnership strategy and approach to tackling DA. Examples of SETDAB's commitment and focus on this area include a recent commissioning discovery programme to inform future commissioning activity. This process identified areas for DA commissioners to improve their focus, including improving access and services for all victims.
- 12.2 SETDAB also promotes inclusive communications campaigns which highlight DA in older victims, LGBT relationships, and victims and perpetrators of different genders. SETDAB also highlighted honour-based abuse and different cultural issues affecting domestic abuse at its partnership conference in 2022.
- 12.3 In May 2022, SETDAB committed to refresh its partnership framework for victims in rural communities, recognising that DA can impact differently on people depending on their characteristics and circumstances.
- 12.4 The PFCC applies conditions on this funding which include requirements that:
- The Recipient shall not unlawfully discriminate within the meaning and scope of any law, enactment, order, or regulation relating to discrimination (whether in race, gender, religion, disability, sexual orientation, age or otherwise) in employment or otherwise.
 - The Recipient shall take all reasonable steps to secure the observance of conditions set out above by all servants, employees or agents of the Recipient and all suppliers and sub-contractors engaged on the Project.

13. Risks and Mitigations

- 13.1 No significant risks are associated with this funding.

14. Governance Boards

- 14.1 The work of the SETDA partnership supports the SETDA Board and subgroups. The DPFCC chairs the SETDA Board.

15. Links to Future Plans

- 15.1 This project supports delivery against the SETDAB partnership domestic abuse strategy and the Police and Crime Plan.

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: P. Brent-Isherwood

Date: 9 June 2023

Chief Financial Officer

Sign:



Print: Janet Perry

Date: 20 June 2023

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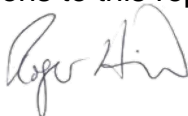
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Chief Executive / Chief Finance Officer

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 21/12/2023

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