

PFCC Decision Report

Report reference number: 202-23

Classification: Not protectively marked

Title of report: Additional 2023-24 MoJ IDVA and ISVA Funding (Supplemental)

Area of county / stakeholders affected:

Synergy Rape Crisis Partnership

Ending Violence in Essex (EViE) Partnership

Victims and survivors of domestic and sexual abuse countywide

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Date of report: 3 January 2024

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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. This decision report seeks approval to accept additional funding from the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) to bring forward the recruitment of additional Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVAs) and Independent Sexual Violence Advisors (ISVAs) originally approved via decision report 085-23.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the PFCC endorses and signs the grant addendum embedded in section 16.1 of this decision report, accepting additional funding from the MoJ, equivalent to £22,640 in 2023-24 and £78,618 in 2024-25.
- 2.1 That the PFCC approves the allocation of this funding to the Synergy Rape Crisis Partnership and the Ending Violence in Essex (EViE) partnership for the recruitment of additional IDVA and ISVA posts, as detailed in sections 3 and 9 below.

3. Background to the Proposal

- 3.1. The PFCC approved the receipt and allocation of MoJ funding for additional IDVA / ISVA resources via decision report 085-23 in May 2023.
- 3.2. On 15th November 2023, the PFCC was advised of the opportunity of additional MoJ funding to bring forward the recruitment of IDVAs / ISVAs planned for 2024-25 into Quarter 4 of 2023-24. The PFCC responded with a request for an additional £22,640 to accommodate this on behalf of the Synergy Rape Crisis Partnership and Ending Violence in Essex (EViE) domestic abuse (DA) partnership.
- 3.3. The MoJ has also confirmed additional funding for 2024-25 of £78,618 (£43,353 for Synergy and £35,265 for EViE).

4. Proposal and Associated Benefits

- 4.1 This additional funding will allow our providers to bring forward the recruitment of additional ISVA and IDVA posts into 2023-24 rather than the planned date of 1st April 2024. The PFCC will receive an additional £22,640 MoJ funding to accommodate this.

5. Options Analysis

- 5.1 The alternative was for the PFCC not to bid for this additional funding and to forgo the opportunity to invest additional resources in our local IDVA / ISVA service in Quarter 4 of 2023-24.

6. Consultation and Engagement

- 6.1 The PFCC actively engaged with IDVA / ISVA providers to ensure this additional investment could be utilised, recognising the challenging timescales.

7. Strategic Links

- 7.1 These support services provide a vital element of delivering our Police and Crime Plan priorities to improve support for victims of crime, protect vulnerable people and break the cycle of abuse, and reduce violence against women and girls.

8. Police operational implications

- 8.1 There are no operational implications for Essex Police.

9. Financial implications

- 9.1 As per the grant addendum embedded in section 16.1 of this decision report, the PFCC will receive an additional £22,640 in 2023-24 from the MoJ.

£10,838 of this additional funding will be allocated to the Synergy Rape Crisis Partnership. The remaining £11,802 will be allocated to the EViE partnership.

- 9.2 As set out in section 3 above, the MoJ also confirmed additional funding for 2024-25 of £78,618 (£43,353 for Synergy and £35,265 for EViE). The total funding, including the original allocation from decision report 085-23, is summarised in the table below:

	2023-4		2024-5	
	DR085-23	DR202-23	DR085-23	DR202-23
Synergy	£ 44,933	£ 10,838	£ 44,933	£ 43,353
EVIE	£ 37,107	£ 11,802	£ 36,215	£ 35,265
	£ 82,040	£ 22,640	£ 81,148	£ 78,618

10. Legal implications

- 10.1 The receipt of this funding from the Ministry of Justice is covered by the grant addendum embedded in section 16.1 of this decision report.
- 10.2 The PFCC's standard grant agreement will be used to transfer this funding to our service providers.

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 As part of the reporting requirements for the MoJ, the PFCC is required to monitor and report on the demographics of those engaged in services. The PFCC also monitors this as part of DA / SV commissioned contracts in order to ensure our service offer reaches into all communities and is accessible to all.

13. Risks and Mitigations

- 13.1 There is a risk that this funding cannot be utilised by our providers within the required timescales. This was mitigated by working with providers before developing and submitting the application, and by keeping them informed to enable them to mobilise as quickly as possible once the agreement is finalised.

14. Governance Boards

- 14.1 This proposal has not been subject to any formal governance boards.

15. Links to Future Plans

- 15.1 This funding supports the PFCC's broader domestic and sexual abuse support services, which contribute to the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan and partnership domestic abuse and sexual abuse strategies.

16. Background Papers and Appendices

- 16.1 Grant Addendum Notice: Number 4 (General grant funding in relation to local commissioning of victims' support services 2022-5)



Essex General Grant
Addendum-4.pdf

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: 5 January 2024

Chief Finance Officer

Sign

Print: Janet Perry

Date: 7 January 2024

Publication

Is the report for publication?

YES

NO

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None

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1. Of Decision Sheet?

YES

2. Of Appendix?

YES

NO

NO

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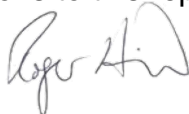
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Chief Executive / Chief Finance Officer

Decision and Final Sign Off

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: 

Print: Roger Hirst

PFCC

Date signed: 08/01/2024

I do not agree the recommendations to this report because:

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