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Title of report Community Safety Fund – Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC) (Force contribution towards SARC contract)	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval to pay £88,000 to NHS England as a contribution to the contract for SARC services.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To provide £88,000 funding in the form of a Community Safety Grant to NHS England for the delivery of services for the Essex Sexual Assault Referral Centre at Oakwood Place, Brentwood.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. SARCs contribute to supporting a victim of sexual abuse and also assisting the Police in attaining forensic evidence that can be used for the purposes of criminal justice and bringing perpetrators to justice.
- 3.2. A SARC is a safe and confidential specialist centre providing services which support victims of sexual assault to minimise the long-term emotional and physical consequences.

4. Background and proposal

4.1 Essex Police has historically provided funding to ensure the effective operation of a SARC in Essex.

5. Police and Crime Plan

5.1. This proposal supports the PCC's vision and delivery of the following key areas of focus:

- Supporting victims of crime
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 The SARC supports the collection of evidence of sexual abuse for use in Police investigations and prosecutions

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would provide £88,000 funding to NHS England

8. Legal Implications

8.1 There are no legal implications

9. Staffing and other resource implications

9.1 There are no staffing issues

10. Equality and Diversity implications

10.1 There are no equality and diversity issues

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