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Title of report PCC CSDF – Chelmsford Prison Unlock Drama project	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for an allocation of £4,814 in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the CSDF to HMP & YOI Chelmsford, whose activities will contribute to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan for Essex.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of the CSDF grant to support HMP & YOI Chelmsford and the Unlock Drama.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The project is aimed at serving prisoners who are displaying continual violent behaviour, with a focus on prisoners who are likely to return to live in Essex at the end of their sentence.
- 3.2 The project's main aims are;
- To explore, discuss and challenge violent behaviour, assaults on prisoners and staff. Exploration through drama allows prisoners to understand not only the issue at hand but also that their actions have consequences.
 - Workshops will allow participants to discuss what triggers violent behaviour.
 - Using the groups experience participants will work with facilitators to devise a programme.

- The play will be used as an educational tool and encourage consequential thinking.

4. Background and proposal

4.1 Unlock Drama delivers drama projects to unlock life skills that can be transferrable in day-to-day life and can be applied in social situations, training or employment. Unlock Drama uses Theatre in Prison to heighten participants' confidence and self-esteem which inevitably has an effect on their attitude and behaviour.

4.2 The 'Violence Reduction project' would run intensively across a nine day period and facilitators will run mediation sessions to ensure all participants fully understand the expectation of the course. The course delivery will run full-time for 4 days per week.

5. Police and Crime Plan

Supports priorities in the Police and Crime Plan as follows;

- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems
- Reducing youth offending and all types of re-offending
- Tackling the consequences of alcohol and drugs abuse and mental health issues.

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 There are no operational implications

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would fund £4,814 contribution to HMP & YOI Chelmsford

8. Legal Implications

8.1 The award of the grant is subject to the PCC's standard funding agreement.

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 implications

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