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Report to PCC	Report reference number PCC/ 0054/16
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Title of report PCC Victims Fund – 2016-17 Essex Rape Crisis Partnership – Child Sexual Abuse grant	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of £60,000 to the Essex Rape Crisis Partnership to fund specialist counselling to support victims of child sexual abuse (CSA).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. Approve the allocation of £60,000 from the PCC's 2016-17 victims' commissioning budget to the Essex Rape Crisis Partnership to provide direct services for victims of child sexual abuse in line with the Ministry of Justice's CSA grant to the OPCC.

3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. This funding will provide;
- A full-time counsellor to be based at Centre for Action on Rape and Abuse (CARA). The counsellor will provide approximately 816 additional counselling sessions over the one-year grant period.
 - An additional 650 counselling sessions will be provided by sessional counsellors over the one-year grant period.
- 3.2. This additional funding focuses increased provision on areas of Essex with historic counselling waiting lists (i.e. where counselling waiting lists have developed over a sustained period to reach current unacceptable levels). Specifically, the funding would be used to target priority areas of North and mid Essex. This grant will reduce historic waiting lists (236 service users in North Essex in Dec. 2015) and put CARA in an improved position to meet the new demand for counselling services from victims/survivors of CSA.

3.3. The funding will ensure that victims of sexual abuse are able to cope and recover from the harm they have experienced, in line with the Ministry of Justice's Victims' Code of Practice.

4. Background and proposal

4.1. In 2016-17 the Ministry of Justice indicatively ring-fenced an element of PCC funding specifically for the emotional and practical support services for victims of sexual violence, victims of domestic violence and victims of child sexual abuse.

4.2. The MoJ define CSA as forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities. The activities may involve physical contact and noncontact activities, such as involving children in looking at, or in the production of, sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways or grooming a child in preparation for abuse including via the internet. Child sexual abuse includes child sexual exploitation.

5. Police and Crime Plan

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

- Supporting our victims of crime
- Reducing Hidden Harm
- Ensuring local solutions meet local problems

6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 No operational implications

7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC will allocate £60,000 to the Essex Rape Crisis Partnership.

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

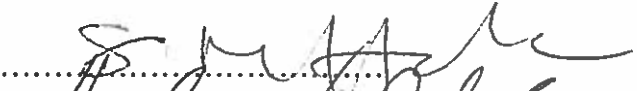
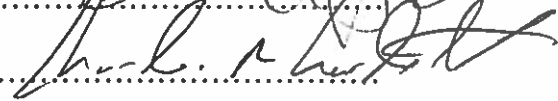
9.1 There are no staffing issues

10. Equality and Diversity implications


10.1 There are no D&E implications

Report Approval

The report will be signed off by the Chief Executive and CFO and the PCC Solicitor where legal implications arise.

Chief Executive/M.O 
Chief Financial Officer 
PCC Legal Advisor (As necessary)

Decision

I agree the recommendations to this report

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I do not agree the recommendations to this report because

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Publication

Reasons for non-publication *(state 'None' if applicable)*

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Report for publication

YES

NO

If the report is not for publication, the Chief Executive will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.