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**Title of report** PCC Victims Fund – MyRJ Restorative Justice Case Management System

Report by Emma Callaghan

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# 1. Purpose of report

1.1. To seek approval for the allocation of a total of £24,425 over the next 3 years in the form of a crime and disorder reduction grant from the 2016-17 Victims' Fund to Ivstita, 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 OPCC's 2016-17 victims' commissioning grant to Ivstita (MyRJ) for a restorative justice case management system to be used by the Essex Restorative and Mediation Service.

### 3. Benefits of Proposal

- 3.1. The Essex Restorative Justice and Mediation Service has reviewed its current case management system (CMS) and deemed it unfit for purpose. A specialist alternative CMS (MyRJ) has been identified which allows the Hub, partners, and volunteers to electronically manage cases securely and efficiently. The system will be used by three managers, and up to 50 volunteers.
- 3.2. MyRJ will provide the following benefits to Essex OPCC;
  - Allows volunteers and staff to access case information remotely
  - Ensures the RJ Hub's processes and procedures comply with relevant legislation

- Provide management information which supports the evaluation of the work of the Hub
- Increase the efficiency of the Hub by providing a purpose-built system to manage cases

### 4. Background and proposal

- 4.1. The recommendation report from our Restorative Services Quality Mark (RSQM) appraisal in October 2016 highlighted the limitations of our current CMS and made recommendations that this is addressed.
- 4.2. MyRJ is the only secure, dedicated Restorative Justice CMS currently on the market.
- 4.3. This application will cover the licensing, maintenance, and 1-day training MyRJ for the 3 year term of this agreement. Licensing costs are £7,995p.a. and training costs an additional £440p/day.

# 5. Police and Crime Plan

- 5.1. This proposal supports the PCC's vision and delivery of the following key areas of focus:
  - Crack down on anti-social behaviour
  - Support victims of crime

# 6. Police Operational Implications

6.1 There are no operational implications

# 7. Financial Implications

7.1 The PCC would provide £24,425 funding to Ivstita over 3 years. An initial allocation of £8,435 will be made in 2016-17.

### 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**

Chief Executive/M.O

**Chief Financial Officer** 

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

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