

# **POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE DECISION RECORD**

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## **DECISION OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016

**Officers present:** Helen King, Chief Finance Officer

**Received in OPCC Date:** 21/11/16

**OPCC Ref:** EXEC012/16

**Title:** PCC Support to the Project for Conditional Cautioning and Relationship Abuse (CARA)

### **Summary of Issue:**

The OPCC have been working in partnership with the force, the city, county and Rutland councils and the University of Leicester in mapping service provision, identifying gaps and agreeing the desired provision for perpetrators of Domestic Violence.

A unique supplier, the Hampton Trust, has been identified which brings an opportunity to undertake a pilot for a mandatory out of court disposal for perpetrators of a domestic violence related offence – Conditional Cautioning And Relationship Abuse (known as project CARA).

Incidents of non-violent domestic abuse have been steadily increasing since April 2015 (with rolling year figures increasing from 2455 up to 4295 in October 2016 and Leicestershire are uniquely placed (alongside 2 other forces) to undertake such a pilot given our dispensations from the Home Office in relation to Out of Court Disposals (OCD).

This OCD will form part of a broader strategic landscape in relation to DV perpetrator provision where more intensive programmes already exist in Leicestershire for perpetrators to voluntarily engage with. The purpose of the OCD therefore, is to force perpetrators to consider the impact of their behaviour and to move them to a position where they consider themselves to have a problem which they may then voluntarily take further steps to address.

PCC funding will be used to cover the costs of the OCD and local authorities will make some funds available (through Community Safety Partnership budgets) for subsequently willing individuals to access the more intensive voluntary programme (delivered locally by the Jenkins Centre).

Early work suggests a minimum of 20 OOCB cohorts would be required in Leicestershire, with each cohort requiring 2 sessions.

Whilst the sessions are heavily focussed around the perpetrator, great care will be taken to ensure that the sessions are not to the detriment of the victim and they will be engaged with throughout the process to ensure that they remain safe.

**Financial Impact:**

The cost of a pilot to run 20 cohorts would be up to £33,000 with the possibility of this being reduced through funding available to the Hampton Trust for this programme from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation.

**Recommendations presented:**

That PCC support is given to progressing the intention to implement the project CARA as pilot project for 1 year.

**Key discussion points at meeting:**

**It was resolved that :**

**OFFICE OF PCC APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner



**Signature:**

**Name: Helen King**

**Date:26/11/16**

**Publication Scheme**

**Decision of Monitoring Officer:**

As Monitoring Officer for the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire I have determined that :

It is appropriate to publish this record of decision made by the Police and Crime Commissioner : **Yes** / Part Redacted / No

It is appropriate to publish the contents of the assessment of the decision by either of the senior post holders in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire (i.e. either the Chief Executive or Chief Finance Officer) : **Yes** / Part Redacted / No

It is appropriate to publish details of the decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire : **Yes** / Part Redacted / No

**Reasons for any non Publication (referencing appropriate legislation):**

**Not applicable**

Signature 


Name **ANGELA PERRY**

Date **28.11.16**

**Police and Crime Commissioner for Leicestershire**

Having received the advice set out above and reviewed relevant documentation my decision in regard of this matter is:

**Supported**

Signature 

Date **29.11.16**