



OFFICE OF THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORFOLK

ORIGINATOR: Chief Executive

DECISION NO. 2014/34

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: For Decision

SUBMITTED TO: Police and Crime Commissioner

SUBJECT:

Funding for MensCraft – Delivering Caring Dads programme.

SUMMARY:

The Importance of the role of fathers in the family and in particular their parent/child relationship is well recognised. The Norfolk Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Board perpetrator sub group, have identified this as an area for early intervention, providing an improved family environment.

Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner's Office recognises the value of this work and has, in conjunction with partners determined to provide funding to facilitate one pilot programme for up to 12 fathers.

A total budget of £20,000 had been allocated to this initiative, £5,000 being made from the PCCs rehabilitation fund.

A grant agreement exists between Norfolk Constabulary and MensCraft, providing details of the intended outcomes and activities of the project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The PCC supports the allocation of £5,000 funding to MensCraft with funding to be released in accordance with the presentation of invoices to Norfolk Constabulary.

OUTCOME/APPROVAL BY: PCC

The recommendation as outlined above is approved.

Signature *A. W. Bell*

Date *12/9/14*

DETAIL OF THE SUBMISSION

1. KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1.1 The County Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence Board, (DASVB) have identified the benefits of improved parenting in maintaining a stable family environment. The Caring Dads Programme focuses on working with men to improve their skills and engagement as fathers.
- 1.2 The programme is intended to reduce harsh parenting and abusive behaviours of fathers referred to the programme. It involves a full time "Facilitators Training Course", consecutively followed by the delivery of a pilot Caring Dads programme in Yarmouth commencing in October to be delivered by MensCraft in conjunction with the Waveney Domestic Violence Forum.
- 1.3 Working with MensCraft and the Waveney Domestic Violence Forum the DASVB have agreed to fund the cost of one full programme, including training and set up costs. Evaluation of the pilot will inform any future funding decisions in respect of providing this service.
- 1.4 The OPCCN are agreed that this is an area that would benefit from additional support and have agreed to contribute the additional £5000 necessary for the pilot to be undertaken. This service will provide a supportive intervention programme in an area of business that is currently under resourced within the county.
- 1.5 A copy of the organisation's grant agreement, providing details of their intended outcomes and activities is held by the Norfolk Constabulary.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 2.1 None apparent as this is a fixed cost pilot.

3. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS:


- 3.1 None.

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ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	Yes
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes

Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission?	Yes

APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER (this approval is required only for submissions to PCC and DPCC).

Chief Executive	
I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.	
Signature: 	Date 9.9.2014