

OPCC RECORD OF DECISION

| PROJECT NAME OR TITLE |
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| Decision to fund the NSPCC to provide therapeutic support and intervention for children affected by sexual abuse |

| DECISION RECORD PREPARED BY | |
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| Date of Decision: | 05/02/2020 |

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1. In 2019/2020 the Ministry of Justice provided each OPCC with £140k to support victims of childhood sexual abuse (acute and historic) to access therapeutic services which enable them to cope and recover from the harm caused by the abuse. Local provision across Devon and Cornwall should enable victims to access services.
- 1.2 In Devon and Cornwall benefits from a regional National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC) office. The NSPCC have been a leading UK children’s charity for over 100 years and alongside fighting to end child abuse, the charity also offered several programmes which helps heal the harm caused by sexual abuse.
- 1.3 ‘Letting the Future In’ is a therapeutic intervention delivered at the NPSCC Plymouth Service Centre. Full information and a short film on ‘Letting the Future In’ can be found at here:
<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services-children-families/letting-the-future-in/> (
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t9uWi2ZBPnA&feature=youtu.be>
- 1.4 Letting the Future In is recommended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) (NICE, 2017) and showcased as an example of commissioning practice in the Home Office’s commissioning framework for support services for victims and survivors of child sexual abuse in England (Home Office, 2019).
- 1.5 In January 2020 the OPCC was informed that our current provider of therapeutic interventions for childhood sexual abuse were unable to commit to spending the allocated grant. Therefore, contact was made with the NSPCC to enable service provision. The NSPCC stated that they had a waiting list of children who were currently unable to access the ‘Letting the Future In’ program and that funding from the OPCC would be used to support children waiting for the



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- 2.1 The OPCC will grant fund the NSPCC £70,000 to deliver the 'Letting the Future In' therapeutic intervention until the 31st of March 2020.

3 CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Prior to approval of the grant the NSPCC were advised that the OPCC cannot guarantee funds beyond the 31ST of March 2020.
- 3.2 As this is a new partnership for the OPCC and the NSPCC it was agreed that the impact of the funding would be evaluated as a condition of the grant and that any future partnership would consider how effective this initial funding had been.

4 OPCC MONITORING OFFICER ADVICE

- 4.1 Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer of the OPCC advises that the program being delivered by NSPCC falls within the PCC's obligation to ensure the provision of services to victims of crime, in particular those who have experienced childhood sexual abuse, within the policing area and hence the decision to partner with the NSPCC is consistent with the role of the PCC and the use of funds for victims services.

4.2 Financial and Commercial – Current and Future

Chief Finance Officer and S151 Officer has advised that the expenditure incurred by this decision is consistent with the financial priorities and role of the PCC.

5 SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

- 5.1 None

6 OFFICIAL APPROVAL

- 6.1 Following the appropriate approval, this decision sheet will be published, subject to FOIA classification, on the OPCC website.

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