

## OPCC RECORD OF DECISION

<b>PROJECT NAME OR TITLE</b>
Decision to Fund the Roll Out of the Mental Health Treatment Requirement for Devon

<b>DECISION RECORD PREPARED BY</b>	
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Date of Decision:	19/02/2020

### 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Community Sentence Treatment Requirement (CSTR) programme aims to drive up the number of drug rehabilitation requirements (DRR), alcohol treatment requirements (ATR) and develop a mental health treatment requirement (MHTR) service. The rationale behind the programme is twofold; 1) the number of DRRs and ATRs has seen a national and local decline (up to 40%) over recent years, yet they have good results and are often the right thing to do. They add to the options sentencer's have when faced with defendants whose behaviour is the result of substance misuse. 2) MHTRs have been available in law for some years but require a service and a named clinician to make the order. These services have not been available across the country and have required new partnerships between health and the CJS agencies to be built.

The Plymouth pilot (now pathfinder due to an agreed national roll-out) has been running since December 2017. In that time, solid relationships have been built between health, substance misuse agencies and the CJS. 100% of the orders proposed to the Court have been agreed, of those completed, significant health outcomes have been noted and marked changes in attitudes to offending have been observed.

1.2 It was identified that funding was required to assist with the roll-out of the community mental health treatment requirement programme to help assess future need and develop the model to fit the future national funding which will be coming to the Clinical Commissioning Groups through NHS England in forthcoming years. The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner was approached to grant fund £40,000 out of current budget in 2019/20 to cover the cost of new assessments at the Newton Abbot court and the intervention (programme delivered across Torbay, South Hams, West Devon, and to cover the full foot print of the Plymouth Court. Those defendants, from surrounding areas attending Plymouth Court will continue to be assessed by the existing Livewell team in Plymouth and therefore £20k of this request will be distributed in order to boost the existing resource at Plymouth court.



## **2 DECISION RECORD**

- 2.1 The OPCC will grant fund £40,000 in 2019/2020 (£20,000 to Livewell South West and £20,000 to Devon Partnership Trust) to support the delivery of the full roll out the mental health treatment requirement across Devon.

## **3 CONSULTATION, ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 Prior to approval of the grant the OPCC committed £20,000 to Devon Partnership Trust for 2020/2021 in the annual commissioning intentions plan. Ongoing and sustainable funding for the Mental Health Community Treatment Requirement will be met by the Clinical Commissioning Groups beyond 2020/21.
- 3.2 As this is a current partnership for the OPCC and monitored through the Mental Health Partnership Board it was agreed that the impact of the funding would be evaluated as a condition of the grant and would be measured by the successful roll out of the mental health treatment requirement across Devon.

## **4 OPCC MONITORING OFFICER ADVICE**

- 4.1 Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer of the OPCC advises that the program being delivered by The Mental Health Community Treatment Requirement is within the PCC's obligation to deliver the police and crime plan. The PCC's CEO and Monitoring Officer have advised that this decision is within the powers of those making it and that, from the information provided, there would not appear to be any adverse legal, managerial or equality implications arising from the proposal.

### **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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**Police and Crime Commissioner  
ALISON HERNANDEZ**

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PRINT: ALISON HERNANDEZ  
DATE: 4 MAY 2020

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Monitoring Officer  
FRANCES HUGHES**

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