

DECISION NOTICE

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Subject:
For the provision of Greater Manchester Integrated Rehabilitation Services: Dependency and Recovery Service

Type of decision: Commissioning Decision final sign off			
Deputy Mayor's decision	X	Chief Officer's decision	

In all case this will need to be approved by the Assistant Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>Grants are to be awarded as part of a co-investment (GMCA & HMPPS) approach in Substance Misuse providers currently delivering across GM with Local Authority Public Health statutory partners in order to provide enhanced provision for people on probation. The total GMIRS investment in Dependency and Recovery Services for 2021/2022 will be £639,733 to Substance Misuse Providers & Commissioners in each GM LA area.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are THAT:</p> <p>As part of Justice Devolution arrangements between Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS), it has been agreed that HMPPS will devolve their national 'Dynamic Commissioning Framework' responsibilities for commissioning of services through to GMCA.</p> <p>The recent GM Drug and Alcohol External Review recommended- a more accurate assessment of the number of offenders in Greater Manchester requiring substance misuse interventions and; joint commissioning and planning of services to meet identified needs.</p> <p>Following on from extensive engagement, it is proposed that the Dependency and Recovery aspect of Greater Manchester Integrated Rehabilitative Services should be delivered through an 'investment' approach rather than a commissioned/contracted service. This takes account of Substance Misuse Commissioners' existing contractual arrangements, capacity and capability.</p>

this has been agreed at the GMIRS Steering Group with the CA; HMPPS and GM Probation.

Through this approach, co-investment in Dependency and Recovery Services for each of the ten GM localities will align with existing substance misuse service provision and Local Authority commissioning arrangements, avoiding the need to procure extra services which risk duplication and service disruption.

All substance misuse Providers and Commissioners were consulted with and they expressed that they would not have been interested in bidding for a contract nor did they consider commissioning a single GM service in addition to existing provision, to be a viable option. As a result, HMPPS who have not commissioned any similar services through their national framework -are seeking to learn from the GM model of co-location and integration.

In agreement with the LA Commissioners, existing Providers will be funded until the specification can be integrated in LA contracts. The longer-term plan of aligning to existing local commissioning timelines and incorporating the services in to new or varied LA contracts, provides better value and enhancement to existing services.

As each LA recommissions / goes out to tender at different points over the coming years, GM IRS will already be in a position to align to that (through a Partnership Agreement).

The 'Service Specification' will evolve alongside HMPPS and LA Commissioner requirements as funds from HMPPS increase over subsequent years.

The key aims of the GM IRS Dependency and Recovery resource will be to:

- Reduce drug and alcohol related reoffending
- Reduce drug and alcohol related health harms for the offender
- Improve community safety by reducing the risk of drug and alcohol related harms to others

These aims will be achieved by:

- Increasing numbers of appropriate referrals to specialist substance misuse services
- Increasing numbers retained in treatment
- Developing interventions for those that do not require specialist treatment
- Increasing numbers sustaining recovery

Key Workers will be co-located within each GM Probation Delivery Unit and will promote alignment with HMPPS core activities and outcomes.

The Director of Greater Manchester Probation Service is fully sighted and has endorsed this approach.

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The vision for the Strategy is to make Greater Manchester one of the best places in the world ‘to grow up, get on and grow old’. A key element of delivering this vision is that every community and person in Greater Manchester feels safe and secure in their daily lives.

They provided a strong emphasis on empowering service users to shape and influence the process and examples of how the service has demonstrated this using co-location, joint up working, with assessment using the MoJ 8 categories of need to identify wider issues.

Links to Police and Crime Plan:

Priority 1 – contributing to reducing victims of violence, increasing feelings of safety, and increasing confidence in community safety.

Priority – Preventing violence, and the precursors to violence such as ASB. Intervening early to reduce the harm caused by violence.

Priority 3 – Supporting community resilience by investing in local services and people.

Financial comments:

The total GMIRS investment in Dependency and Recovery Services for 2021/2022 will be £639,733. The break down by locality to each Provider will be:

Locality	Allocation	Locality	Allocation
Bolton	£69,573.32	Salford	£70,651.98
Bury	£38,741.73	Stockport	£43,146.25
Manchester	£153,528.73	Tameside	£47,460.87
Oldham	£49,887.85	Trafford	£31,370.92
Rochdale	£55,371.02	Wigan	£80,000.33

The funds provided are at a fixed price. Payment will be in-year and then moving to annually in advance for subsequent years.

Legal comments:

The CA Procurement Team have been involved in the GMIRS approach from the start. This is being further supplemented by Probation Service contract and analytical support. In certain circumstances grants can be used instead of a contract to fund an organisation or service, particularly if it is our statutory GM partners, this will be explored. Alternatively, the individual values are all under the statutory procurement threshold for standalone contracts, so contracts of those values could be directly awarded by way of a waiver justification under the GMCA's procurement rules.

Risk Assessment:

A robust implementation plan and risk log will be developed by, with oversight from GMCA & HMPPS via Commissioning Meetings to ensure the programmes are delivered within the timescales identified.

An Operational Development Group will be developed to provide oversight and direction to both programmes of activity which will include partners from other GMIRS provision.

Links will be developed with Probation colleagues to determine referrals, cohorts and to develop protocols for effective delivery and risk management.

Each Commissioner will sign a Partnership Agreement to ensure that the service is developed and incorporated in to future contracts.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The GMIRS Dependency and Recovery Service will not work with children.

Is safeguarding of vulnerable adults relevant and has this been considered:

Yes, LAs commissioners and their chosen providers have vast experience of working with people who have been a part of the criminal justice system and fully understand the complexity and vulnerability of the adults that they work with.

Agreed by Director – Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire

Signed..... 

Date...27th October 2021.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed 

Date 28/10/2021

Agreed by Deputy Mayor
Only required for a Deputy Mayor Decision on amounts of £50,000+

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Date: ...1st November 2021.....

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