

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Martin Nugent

Subject/ Title:
Decision Notice to support variation of contract. Primary Care Network co-commissioning Women’s Support Alliance

Type of decision:			
Deputy Mayor’s decision	x	Chief Officer’s decision	

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

<p>The decision is that: It is approved £200,000 can be transferred into GMCA from Primary Care Network funds to be paid to the Women’s Support Alliance to improve health outcomes for women.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are: The need for a variation is to build on existing commissioned infrastructure and to align health funding aimed at supporting vulnerable and marginalised women to improve access to primary care with the funding that supports the Greater Manchester Whole System Approach (WSA) for Vulnerable and Marginalised Women (VAM). Evidence tells us that some of our most marginalised women, especially those that also find themselves in touch with the criminal justice system, experience poor health outcomes across a range of health indicators. By improving referral pathways and access to primary care, as well as delivering interventions and raising awareness of the importance of the early health interventions, will assist with delivering improved health outcomes for marginalized women.</p>
<p>This decision will contribute to priorities of the the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways: Though strengthening the minimum health offer for women who are accessing the the Whole System approach it will support the strategy by assisting the vision 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.</p> <p>They provided a strong emphasis on empowering service users to shape and influence the process and examples of how the service has</p>

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 2 – 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.

Priority 8 Safer and Stronger Communities.

Priority 9 Healthy Lives with quality care available for those that need it.

Procurement comments:

GMCA is looking to vary the GM IRS Women’s Support Contract, delivered by the Women’s Support Alliance (the Alliance), to enable better linkage between local Women’s Centres and Primary Care Networks with the view to improve health outcomes for vulnerable and marginalised women. This is permissible under the following regulation.

- **Reg 72. Modification of contracts during their term**
- (5) This paragraph applies where the value of the modification is below both of the following values:—
- (a) the relevant threshold mentioned in regulation 5*, and (* Schedule 3, the sum specified in Article 4(d) of the Public Contracts Directive i.e. £663,540)
- (b) 10% of the initial contract value for service and supply contracts and 15% of the initial contract value for works contracts,
- provided that the modification does not alter the overall nature of the contract or framework agreement.

The value of the contract is £2,974,999.60, the additional funding is £200,000. (a) £200,000 is under the Light Touch Threshold of £663,540 and (b) the variation is 6.72% of the total contract value. The additional funding will not change the overall nature of the contract but add value to the existing contract by providing additional resource to deliver improved health outcomes.

Financial comments:

The £200,000 funding has been secured and approved from Greater Manchester Health and Care Partnership. The funding will be paid to the provider in the financial year 2021/22 but delivery and outcomes shall be delivered in both 2021/22 and 2022/23.

Legal comments:

Nothing further to add than under the procurement comments.

Risk Assessment:

Contract management will be completed as part of the GM IRS approach. The following outputs will be added to ensure greater alignment between the Alliance and the Primary Care Networks to help women to make positive health choices by:

- 1) Developing relationships between women's centres and primary care networks (PCNs) –by October 2022 each women's centre will be actively engaged with at least one Primary Care Network in their locality.
- 2) Building the evidence about the value of the WSA – each women's centre to share annual outcome reports with local area health boards that demonstrates health and well-being outcomes for VAM women accessing the service. These reports should also identify the level of unmet need and recommendations for increasing service capacity and improving outcomes.
- 3) Increasing access to screening and health checks for VAM women – the Alliance will work in partnership with Answer Cancer and with local PCNs to support uptake of screening services and develop tailored services to support women to improve their health outcomes. By June 2022 the WSA will establish a baseline for uptake of screening (health checks, cervical and breast cancer screening) and ensure this is recorded consistently across the women's centres.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The GMIRS Women's Support Service will not work directly with children, however the relevant safeguarding checks were completed during the tendering process.

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

Yes, GMWSA have vast experience of working with people who have been a part of the criminal justice system, they fully understand the complexity and vulnerability of some of the adults that they work with, relevant safeguarding checks were completed during the tendering process and will continue to be monitored through the lifetime of the contract.

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

Signed...



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Date...11th Feb 2022.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed

Date 22/02/2022

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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



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Date: ...22nd Feb 2022.....

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