

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Alison Connelly**

<b>Subject: HMPPS Additional Funding Allocation 2021/22</b>
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<b>Type of decision: Budget/financial</b>
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<b>Deputy Mayor's decision</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Chief Officer's decision</b>	
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In all cases this will need to be approved by the Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.

**The decision is that:**

The Deputy Mayor agrees to the spending plan of £1,071,267.97 from the grant received from HMPPS of £1,400,000. The remaining funds will be allocated via a separate decision notice.

The funding has been allocated as follows:-

FIM	Outcomes supporting reducing women's reoffending	£668,000
Eve's Space	Bolton	£35,659.00
Farida Centre	Oldham	£16,115.80
GMWSA	Greater Manchester	£33,491.00
Petrus	Rochdale	£8,531.52
SWC	Stockport	£49,775.00
TWFC	Tameside	£38,012.63
TWP	Salford	£42,987.05
Well Women	Leigh	£42,590.00
WomenMATTA	Manchester/Trafford	£48,567.57
WOW	Bury	£38,538.40
CLI	Greater Manchester	£49,000.00
Total		£1,071,267.97

**The reasons for the decision are:**

HMPPS approached GMCA in February 2022 having identified an internal Reducing Reoffending budget underspend. The addendum (attached) was

agreed and signed on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022 which sets out the terms and conditions of this funding.

The Addendum sets out two funding areas to deliver in-year (2021/22) capital and outcomes targets. The first funding area is to assist reduce women' re-offending and £1,000,000 was allocated against this target. The second area of spend is specifically limited to GMIRS providers of £400,000 for capital investment to strengthen the offer of these providers for people on probation.

Key stakeholders have agreed the funding allocations, including GMCA and the relevant HMPPS departments. These proposals are in line with Greater Manchester's ambition to increase the alignment of services to avoid fragmented delivery and to improve support for people on probation by recognising and supporting voluntary and community assets that already exist within Greater Manchester.

HMPPS have identified an underspend and have approached regions to identify resource and capital spend and GM is one of the three identified areas to receive funding.

The allocation is in-year funding for 2021-22. However, in the case of small and medium sized enterprises (SME) providers we have secured agreement that capital investments can be purchased after this date and then reconciled to this financial year through the MOU and addendum with specific terms and conditions. GMCA finance representative have been involved in all stages.

The funding conditions set out in the addendum cover two areas; Reducing Women's Reoffending and GMIRS Providers Capital Investment.

Reducing reoffending allows for:-

- On-site support
- Emotional regulation that includes but is not limited to, Dependency and recovery, health improvement offers for women and the broader reducing reoffending landscape including restorative justice, analytics, drugs early warning system.
- Off-site support

An asset register will be maintained to ensure all spend is against agreed decisions and a final reconciliation can be undertaken once the provider has purchased the items.

This spending plan reflects the urgency required to move the programme forward at pace and ensures a continued balanced response to reducing reoffending valuing the importance of GMIRS partners and place-based, community-led approaches. All projects and interventions are designed in

line with evidence-based best practice and will be monitored and evaluated through the GMIRS.

Value will be created across GM through the enhanced funding provided, capitalising on existing service provision already in place and enhancing the service offer across all Women's Centre's and GMIRS commissioned services.

A senior governance board for GMIRS oversees and scrutinises the overall programme of work, including this spending plan.

To expedite the speed at which we can transfer funding across to the providers it is proposed that funding against the Reducing Women's Re-offending and allocated GMIRS is released in now. This is for a total of £1,071,267.97. A separate Decision Notice will be produced to provide clear financial governance and audit for the remaining unallocated funds.

**This decision will contribute to priorities of the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:**

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.

Services will provide a strong emphasis on empowering service users by investing in capital and provision to reduce the likelihood of re-offending. The services will demonstrate this through improving physical environments and using co-location, joined-up working and assessment of need to identify and meet 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.

**Financial comments:**

The funding is provided from a one-off grant payment totalling £1,400,000. The HMPPS Memorandum of Understanding and addendum are in place for this funding.

**Legal comments:**

Legal advice has been sought and any services or products procured through this programme will adhere to GMCA commissioning policy and EU rules on procurement.

**Procurement comments:**

Procurement have been engaged in the process and has advised that grant agreements can issued to each individual organisation.

**Risk Assessment:**

An asset register and risk log will be developed, with oversight from GMCA & HMPPS via the Contract Management Meetings to ensure the capital spend is undertaken within the terms and conditions of the Addendum and within the limitations of GMCA procurement protocols.

**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

The GMIRS commissioned services will not work directly with children, however the relevant safeguarding checks were completed during the tendering process for those services.

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

The Commissioned GMIRS providers 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: 


**Date: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed: 

Date: 27/05/2022

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

Signed: 

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022