

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Bethan Dearden

Subject/ Title:
<p>For the provision of a Greater Manchester Integrated Rehabilitation Services</p> <p>Personal Wellbeing – Pilot of the Welfare Service</p>

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:</p> <p>The named providers will be awarded the allocated funding to deliver the welfare service hub, one for each district.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</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 devolved approach for Greater Manchester is entitled 'Greater Manchester Integrated Rehabilitative Services' (GMIRS). This approach is designed to offer a less structured and more locally tailored interventions which will draw on the experience, innovation and skill within the private and voluntary, community and social enterprise sectors (VCSE), to provide effective rehabilitation and resettlement services that address criminogenic needs unmet by NPS through their programmes, Accredited Programmes, Unpaid Work and Structured Interventions.</p> <p>The creation of a Greater Manchester Integrated Rehabilitative Services Welfare Programme across Greater Manchester seeks to embed public service reform principles by working with provision where it already exists</p>

and bolstering those services to create additional value by providing funding for enhancing the following service provision:

- Mentoring
- Emotional regulation and decision making
- Wellbeing support and healthy choices
- Behaviour change
- Family support and mediation

The service will deliver a needs-led, person-centered offer of support via a variety of delivery methods and interventions, working in conjunction with Probation Service sentence planning and risk management objectives. Value will be created through both the enhanced funding provided through this Expression of Interest and existing service provision already in place and accessible as part of Greater Manchester Integrated Rehabilitative Services. It is expected that the services will operate as a broker role acting as advocate for both the person and other services. This will include developing and maintaining networks and supporting excellent relationships with key internal and external stakeholders

Referrals will be from the Local Probation Delivery Unit for people subject to probation supervision including those in custody or the community on a Community or Suspended Sentence Orders and for those on Licence and Post-Sentence Supervision.

Year 1 will see the approach start as a pilot of adding value and capacity into existing services as an investment approach in Greater Manchester. During this first year a commissioning approach will be developed with the expectation of an Invitation To Tender to be issued for delivery of the services for 3 year duration until 2026.

The first 'pilot' year will be delivered through an Expression of Interest process, the sustainable, longer-term approach is to embed a delivery model through a tender process and contractual arrangements. The approach also seeks to develop a Coordinator Provider to support development and delivery of the model.

The funding envelope for 2022/23 is up to £100,000 for each area apart from Manchester only where it is £200,000. Funding for the Co-ordinator Provider anticipated at £50,000, with a further £150,000 allocated for mobilisation.

The expression of interest process allowed services that are already delivering in our communities, this will enable GMCA & the GM Probation service to build on the infrastructure and services that already exist. There is an ambition to develop VCSE provision to be able to engage with justice partners, particularly, GMPS. Services will need to demonstrate connectively to local areas (at a local authority geography) including

Probation Delivery Units (PDU), local statutory services and the wider VCSE. The provider 's are able to deliver a service from day one of agreement. However, as this may represent a potential large increase in demand the provider will be able to develop capacity to meet need during a mobilisation period.

In these circumstances it is anticipated the Provider will already have a targeted service user group which may include People on Probation. The Provider will be able to deliver a dual delivery approach that both recognises the statutory requirements to deliver services for people on probation whilst at the same time, supporting existing and future voluntary attendees. There is an expectation the approach for People on Probation and those attending voluntarily will be consistent.

The Named allocated providers are;

District	Provider
Lead Provider	The Big Life Company
Welfare Advice line	The Big life Company
Bolton	Bolton Advice
Bury	Stepping Stones
Manchester	POPs and Back on track – PoPs will be the lead in Manchester
Oldham	POPs and Back on track
Rochdale	Sanctuary Trust & Rochdale Community trust – Rochdale Community Trust will be the lead provider
Tameside	Big Life Company
Trafford	Out There & Big Life
Salford	Salford Foundation
Stockport	Nacro Lead Provider
Wigan	Big Life Company
Mobilisation Fund	Open to successful providers

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

Procurement comments:

It is understood that the grant funding agreements referred to in this notice have been undertaken after an Expression of Interest exercise, in which multiple organisations had the opportunity to participate.

It is also understood that the awards represent pilot schemes which will not be funded in this way in the future, but will instead move to fully commissioned solutions under services contracts from financial year 2023/24. There are no procurement concerns. Please revert to Commercial Services for additional Procurement advice on that phase.

Financial comments:

The Funding for the GMIRS will come directly from HMPPS to provide the service for GMIRS

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.

Risk Assessment:

A robust implementation plan and risk log will be developed with big life as the lead – co-ordinator with oversight from GMCA & HMPPS via the Contract Management Meetings to ensure the programmes are delivered within the time scales identified in the mobilisation plan.

A Steering 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.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The GMIRS Welfare Service will not work directly with children, however the relevant safeguarding checks were completed

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

The partners identified have vast experience of working with people who have been a part of the criminal justice system or have vulnerabilities, 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



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Date...24th 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:30th May 2022.....

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