

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Dave Gilbride – project lead

Subject:
Hospital & Community Navigator Service – through to March 2025

Type of decision: Budget/financial			
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: The Deputy Mayor agrees to the funding allocation of £1,323,646 to continue an expanded hospital and community Navigator youth service for the period 1 Sept 2022 to 31 March 2025. (VRU core funding). 2022/23 - £298,886 (1 Sept ‘22 – 31 March ‘23) 2023/24 - £512,380 2024/25 - £512,380</p> <p>This amount has been agreed by the Serious Violence Governance Board as well as key stakeholders, including GMCA senior leadership and the relevant Home Office departments.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>The current Navigator pilot has seen over 500 vulnerable young people supported since May 2021, with referrals from 4 hospitals, and since Oct 2021, community settings. This funding will increase the team from 7 to 12 full time Navigators, accepting referrals from all GM hospitals and expanding the community offer.</p> <p>A full competitive tender process has been undertaken, supported and moderated by procurement and Information Governance. The current provider OasisUK were the successful bidder, with an excellent offer to enhance and expand the service and receive an anticipated 80 referrals per month.</p> <p>The service will continue to be contract managed by the VRU Victim lead (Dave Gilbride) and will be subject to ongoing evaluation by the GMCA evaluation partner.</p>

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

This programme of work will impact the following GM Strategies

- All four priorities in the [Standing Together plan](#)
- All priorities of the [Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan](#).
- The [GM Integrated Health And Justice Strategy](#)

Financial comments:

The funding covers full costs of the commissioned service up to March 2025. A Grant Agreement with the Home Office is in place for this funding. (Part of core funding). OasisUK will claim quarterly in arrears.

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Legal comments: (Tony Hatton – MCC Legal Team)

When commissioning contracts for the procurement of goods, services, or the execution of works, GMCA must comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) and its own Contract Procurement Rules (CPR) in the Constitution, failing which a contract may be subject to legal challenge from an aggrieved provider. The proposed award of the contract follows a tender exercise by competition in accordance with an Open Tender arrangement via The Chest portal.

The procurement procedure undertaken in this matter appears robust, and the appointment of the provider for this service follows an open tender process which is outlined within the body of the report, with bidders submitting tenders and being evaluated on the most economically advantageous tender basis, resulting in the proposed award of the contract to Oasis UK, which is compliant with the requirements of CPR and public procurement legislation. Undertaking the open tender exercise in the recommendation will also give some comfort to GMCA in ensuring that value for money is being obtained and periodically tested, with open competition maintained.

Manchester City Council Legal Team is working with GMCA officers to draft an appropriate contract for the service to ensure its interests are protected.

Procurement comments: (Suzanne McCormack GMCA Procurement)

A competitive tender exercise in accordance with the public procurement rules has been undertaken. Bidder responses have been evaluated and moderated. The winning bidder is the incumbent provider.

Risk Assessment:

This programme follows a successful and evaluated pilot. The Service provider has demonstrated an ability during the pilot period to deliver excellence and work well with the VRU and all stakeholders. No perceived risk.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The service engages with ages 10-25. Safeguarding is at the heart of this service. The service specification required that all aspects of safeguarding are in place and will be maintained throughout the contract period. All face-to-face Navigators are or will be level 3 trained.

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

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



Signed:

Date: 5th August 2022

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer




Signed:

Date: 09/08/2022

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed: 

Date: 10th August 2022

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