

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Dan Diamond, GM VRU Partnership Lead

Subject:
Community Safety Partnership 2022/23 Serious Violence Devolved Funds

Type of decision:			
Deputy Mayor's decision	X	Chief Officer's decision	

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

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor agrees to award each Greater Manchester Community Safety Partnership (CSP) the below funding as part of the Devolved 2022/23 GM Violence Reduction Unit Serious Violence Funding;</p> <p>CSP Devolved Funding £1,550,000 <i>The GM VRU has agreed to continue to devolve £150,000 (£200,000 to the City of Manchester) to the 10 CSP areas across GM. The funding will be granted on the condition that the individual CSP plans are aligned to the wider strategic priorities of their authority and partners and are co-signed by Directors of Children's Services and Population Health</i></p> <p>Summer Suppression Offer £250,000 <i>In addition to the CSP funding, the VRU will devolve a further £25,000 to each district to build on the successful Summer Suppression pilot which took place in Salford in 2021. The funding will be devolved to support the CSPs in utilising the Serious Violence Dashboard, to target the areas, and young people of highest need through investment in local Safe 4 Summer activities (which will include an evaluation).</i></p> <p>Total funding amount to be devolved to CSPs: <u>£1,800,000</u></p> <p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Since its establishment in 2019, the GM VRU have devolved a large proportion of the Home Office Serious Violence Funding to the 10 GM</p>
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CSPs, to utilise their existing partnerships and community knowledge to address SV within their local areas.

In the 2021/22, the CSP funded activities resulted in interventions being delivered to over 33,000 Young People across GM. The GM VRU intends to continue funding the positive work being delivered by the CSPs by providing funding for a further year.

In May 2022, the GM VRU wrote to the 10GM CSPs to announce that £150,000 would funding be made available (£200,000 for MCC) from the Serious Violence funding, under the condition that a spending plan be completed and submitted, with the endorsement of their respective Directors of Children Services and Public Health, for the approval of the GM VRU.

It was an expectation of the GM VRU that outcomes and activities commissioned by the CSPs should be monitored locally and reported back to the GM VRU. Furthermore, the CSPs were asked to ensure that the programmes and services commissioned for 2022/2023 are in line with the following areas of need which continue to feature within the VRU Strategic Needs Assessment:

- ▼ Child and adolescent mental health and wellbeing.
- ▼ Children and young people in Alternative Provision, at risk of exclusion or not accessing education, particularly where violence has been identified as a cause for concern.
- ▼ Adverse childhood experiences and trauma-responsive activity.
- ▼ Adolescent early help services, including drugs and alcohol services.
- ▼ Youth engagement and provision, including community sports.
- ▼ Support for parents who are concerned about their child becoming a victim or perpetrator of violent crime.
- ▼ Transition for children and young people between primary schools, secondary schools and further education

As well as the above areas, the GM VRU also expected districts to apply following:

- Be data led by making full use of the GMCA VRU Violence Dashboard and Strategic Needs Assessment.
- Ensure that a minimum of 20% of funding is spent on 'high impact' interventions as defined by the [Youth Endowment Fund Toolkit](#).
- Employ the principles of community-led approaches where opportunity presents, including co-designing and planning. Where community-led programmes exist within your area, we would encourage you to consider investing in successful initiatives which are being delivered by grass root organisations.

- Maintain positive and aspirational language in young person campaigns and avoid deterrent-based approaches (such as ‘scared straight’)
- Monitoring reports must be submitted to the VRU by Mid-October 2022 and April 2023 using the proforma requested by the VRU.
- Staff training to support delivery is allowed.
- Whilst funding of posts for violence reduction managers or front-line delivery workers is appropriate, administrative or analytical work should be absorbed within existing structures.

In addition to the CSP spending plan, the CSPs were required to provide a Summer Violence Prevention Action Plan following an announcement of a further £25,000 to be devolved to each area, to target prevention plans at areas, and young people of highest need, who are at risk of being involved in violence related incidents during the summer holiday period.

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 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:

A one-off payment will be made to each CSP area following the approval of their submitted spending plans and is limited to in year spend up to March 2023. A Grant Agreement with the GMCA is in place for this funding. Furthermore, the CSPs will be required to submit a mid-point and final finance monitoring return to the GM VEU to evidence the finding will be/has been spent in-year

Legal comments:

A Grant Funding Agreement has been developed between the GMCA and the respective CSP with the support of the GMCA Procurement and Manchester City Council Legal Teams, which has been agreed and co-signed by the Directors of Public Health and Children’s Services

Procurement comments:

As noted above, A Grant Funding Agreement has been developed between the GMCA and the respective CSP with the support of the GMCA Procurement and Manchester City Council Legal Teams

Risk Assessment:

Any amount not spent under this allocation will be returned to the GM VRU and will be lost to implementing effective interventions and activity within Greater Manchester.

The GM VRU will be seeking to ensure that key outcomes and outputs are achieved as part of this funding through regular correspondence with the CSP leads and monitoring submissions.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding of children is paramount to the violence reduction work, both as potential victims and perpetrators of serious violence. Many of the strands of work delivered by the CSPs directly address this, which have been outlined in their action plans

All services commissioned that involve direct work with children and young people and vulnerable adults will have the correct safeguarding policies in place as part of the contracting/ grant requirements.

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

This programme of work is closely aligned to relevant programmes such as Challenger (Greater Manchester's partnership approach to tackling all forms of serious and organised crime) and as such the safeguarding of vulnerable adults is central to these plans, particularly in relation to violence through organised crime, gangs and criminal exploitation.

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Agreed by 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: 9th August 2022

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