

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Emma Stonier / Alison Connelly (Senior Partnerships and Policy Officer / Offenders and Criminal Justice Principal)

Subject/ Title:
6-month extension MoJ Victims Core Grant funding (tier 2 victims services)

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 Victim Services Strategic Review is continuing to take place. The tender for the multi-crime Victim Service will be released shortly and a new service is expected to be in place by 1st December 2022. The further review of the tier 2 services underpinning this will commence in Autumn 2022, and it is intended that a proposal for future commissioning will be in place for 1st March 2023.</p> <p>In this financial year the organisations had originally been funded from 1st April – 30th September 2022. These are all services funded from the MoJ victims grant – funding has been in place since 2017/18 when a review of services was undertaken and decisions around victims funding were made. All the services will be reviewed as part of the second stage of the victims’ services review and to maintain stability / sustainability within the support sector continuation of funding is required.</p> <p>Therefore, it is recommended that the following services, currently grant funded by GMCA, are extended for a further 6 months (1st October 2022 – 31st March 2023) to align with this process.</p> <p>The services included in the 6-month extension are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester Action on Street Health (MASH) - £24,506 • Survivors Manchester - £40,976 • Trafford Rape Crisis - £11,250

- Greater Manchester Rape Crisis - £11,250
- Local Authority IDVA service provision - £210,000
- LGBT IDVA (LGBT Foundation) - £12,500
- Project Choice - £30,000
- Guardian Project - £24,500
- Community Safety Trust (CST) - £14,058
- Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline Service (Independent Choices) – £15,000
- LGBT Hate Crime Service (LGBT Foundation) - £14,790
- City Hearts – Trafficking Support Service - £10,000

Funding will also be provided to Just Psychology to finalise their cultural consultants programme of work. £30k of funding was provided through the victims' budget in 2021/22 and it was agreed a further £14,350 would be provided in 2022/23 to enable the completion of this. This is one-off non-recurring payment for 2022/23.

- Just Psychology - £14,350

Total funding of £433,80 via the MOJ Victims Budget for 2022/23.

Total funding to be approved - **£433,180.**

Grant agreements for funding will be issued to all organisations funded through the MoJ Victims Core Grant.

The reasons for the decision are:

The recommissioning of the GM Victims' Service has commenced with a gate-way service expected to be in place by 1st December 2022. Extending support services underpinning this to align with this is crucial whilst this commissioning exercise is underway. It is essential to maintain stability across the sector and to continue to provide essential support to victims in GM.

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GMCA Directorate Plan

- Secure, and manage, funding and investment at Greater Manchester level for agreed activity

•Work with the 10 local authorities in Greater Manchester to drive collective activity that puts Greater Manchester at the forefront of tackling social, economic, and environmental issues

GMS Delivery Plan – Police, Crime and Fire Actions

- A better service for victims of crime measured against the Victims Survey
- Tackle gender-based violence and abuse in all its forms
- Gender-based violence strategy

Procurement comments:

As the approach has historically been to grant fund all of the arrangements listed, Commercial Services consider the move towards commissioning of the services to be a positive move. It is considered reasonable for grant funding to continue up to 31st March 2023, while a suitable procurement approach for each area is developed.

Please revert to Commercial/Procurement for advice on each project, as required.

Financial comments:

The funding will be provided via the annual MOJ victims' budget (cost code 3011). GMCA have had confirmation of the MoJ Victims Core Grant funding for 2022/23.

GMCA funding is covered by a grant agreement with the MoJ and grant agreements for funding will be issued to each organisation funded via the MoJ core victims' grant.

Legal comments:

Funding will be provided via a grant for the full financial year and a grant agreement will be issued to all organisations. Within the grant conditions, service providers will be required to complete regular grant monitoring returns and an annual audit for each service. Legal will be asked to draft up a grant agreement template incorporating the MoJ grant agreement terms once this is received from the MoJ.

Grant letters will be shared with service providers ahead of grant agreements to assure them of funding.

Risk Assessment:

A further 6-month extension will allow consistency of service provision and alignment of funding streams, whilst the GM Victim Service is recommissioned.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding of children will continue to be a key aspect of service delivery for services we grant fund and will be dealt with using the agreed protocols

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

Adult safeguarding will continue to be a key aspect of service delivery for services we grant fund and will be dealt with using the agreed protocols.

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



Signed..... ..

Date...9th August 2022.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed

Date 10/08/2022

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



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Date: ...11th August 2022.....

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