

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Alison Connelly and Emma Stonier

Subject/ Title:
DA/SV Funding – 2022/23 2023/24 2024/25

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>In March 2022 the Ministry of Justice confirmed that nationally £147m of funding will be committed to over a multi-year period, until the end of 2024/25 for victim services. The multi-year commitment applies to the funding the MoJ provide PCCs to commission local victim support services – namely, £69.1m ‘core’ funding; £27m ringfenced funding for 700 ISVA/IDVA posts; £15.7m ringfenced funding for domestic abuse and sexual violence support services and a further £3.75m for the recruitment of 300 additional IDVA/ISVA posts by 2024/25.</p> <p>As part of this additional funding PCCS had been required to submit an updated needs assessment in relation to domestic abuse and sexual violence support services. PCCs were required to undertake an expression of interest exercise and submit all bids to the MoJ for decision. However following submission of these there was a change in process and the MoJ confirmed allocation to PCCs based on the needs assessment.</p> <p>Greater Manchester has been awarded an additional £731,273.47 p.a. for 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25. The way this funding is allocated is a PCC decision, although all activity and the service provider must meet the necessary MoJ criteria, as set out in their original Police and Crime Commissioner Funding Allocation Guidance. Funding is ringfenced for DA and SV services. Organisations were asked to complete an expression of interest for this funding. These were assessed against the GM priorities and decisions made to fund based on these and how funding would be best used at a GM level to support our ambitions. The priorities were provided to organisations as part of the bidding process.</p> <p>Funding will be allocated as follows:</p>
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Organisation and funding	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	Total 3-year commitment
Survivors Manchester – SV comms and engagement post (separate decision notice for detail)	£7000	£32,000	£34,000	£67,000
CAHN	£30,000	£32,000	£34,000	£96,000
Olive Pathway	£30,000	£32,000	£34,000	£96,000
Development of witness suites - Survivors Lead Provider on behalf of other including but not exclusive to CAHN (Caribbean & African Health Network) GM Rape Crisis MASH (Manchester Action on Street Health) Fortalice	£60,000	£62,000	£64,000	£186,000
Additional funding into the multi-crime gateway service (Victim support currently but the provider in future will be successful bidder through the recommissioning process) –additional DA/SV IVAS and CYP Programme Manager	£75,000	£175,000	£175,000	£425,000
Victim multi-crime service communications / website redevelopment	£125,273.47	£0	£0	£125,273.47

GM Rape Crisis and The Pankhurst Trust (MWA) – developing therapeutic support offer	£100,000	£102,000	£104,000	£306,000
MASIP / Stalking and harassment – lead provider The Pankhurst Trust (MWA)	£70,000	£72,000	£74,000	£216,000
Independent Choices / Safety for Sisters – case work NRPf	£78,000	£80,000	£82,000	£240,000
Fort Alice (ISVA)	£40,000	£42,000	£44,000	£126,000
Pankhurst Trust (MWA) Sexual Violence Harm Reduction Post	£31,000	£33,000	£35,000	£99,000
Stockport without Abuse (Male victims' worker)	£25,000	£34,000	£36,000	£95,000
Advocacy after Fatal Domestic Abuse (AAFDA)	£25,000	£27,000	£29,000	£81,000
WaiYin	£35,000	£37,000	£39,000	£111,000
Total	£731,273.47	£760,000	£784,000	

All funding to organisations will be covered by a grant agreement. Monitoring takes place on a bi-annual basis through MoJ monitoring returns. We will also provide general oversight of funding and impact of this through the Sexual Violence Harm Reduction Group and the Victims Reassurance and Resilience Forum.

The reasons for the decision are:

The MoJ confirmed allocations to PCCs based on the needs assessment submitted. Following the change in process and PCCs being given responsibility for allocating the funding we have allocated funding based on the priorities we identified for GM.

Successful bids align to these priorities and will enable us to build capability and capacity across the sector and begin to address gaps in service provision and develop partnership approaches to some of the challenges within the system.

GM's priorities for SV are development of witness centres; supporting capability, capacity and interoperability between services; increasing diversity of support offers; increasing therapeutic support capacity and ; supporting capacity for complex cases.

GM's priorities for DA are supporting diversity and inclusion and extending accessibility of services through this; stalking and harassment; coordination support and the interconnectivity between domestic abuse and sexual violence support services; supporting a problem solving approach to risk management and; tackling volume demand within the system, including complex repeats.

3-year funding commitments will enable organisations to recruit and retain staff and deliver more sustainable services over the spending review period.

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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:

Due to the nature and structure of the grants process applied, there are no procurement concerns.

Financial comments:

Grant agreement confirms £731,273.47 funding for the spending review period – 2022/23, 2024/25 and 2025/26. This funding will be allocated from the MoJ General Grant Funding in relation to local commissioning of Victims Support Services. Funding overspends in Y2 (£28,726.53) and Y3 (£52,726.53) will be covered by MoJ core grant funding.

Legal comments:

Grant agreements will be produced by legal, and the 3-year spending commitment will be passed onto organisations.

Risk Assessment:

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Yes – organisations have relevant safeguarding policies and procedures in place

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

Yes – organisations have relevant safeguarding policies and procedures in place

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



Signed... ..

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

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



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Date 11/08/2022

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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