

DECISION NOTICE

**Decision author and proposer: Rebecca Bromley-Woods, GM VRU
Education Lead**

Subject: Harm reduction education workshops
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Type of decision: Funding Agreement
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Deputy Mayor's decision		Chief Officer's decision	X
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**In all case this will need to be approved by the Director Police, Crime,
Criminal Justice and Fire.**

The decision is that:

The Greater Manchester Violence Reduction Unit is to award harm reduction education providers a grant agreement to deliver targeted education to GM schools, PRUs and Colleges at the point of need, up to the value of £43,000

Funding below is indicative of anticipated demand within the 12 month period. July 2022 – July 2023

- Crucial Crew - £2000
- Stand Against Violence - £600
- New Broadwalk - youth hub - £10,000
- Alison Cope - £3200
- The Message - £3200
- 84Youth - £6000
- Harpur Mount wellbeing project £5,000

The reasons for the decision are:

- *All organisations have submitted a quote for the cost of a learning offer that will meet the needs of pupils, parents and CPD for teaching colleagues.*
- *The programmes covers priority areas as identified in the serious violence action plan and the VRU Education delivery objectives.*
- *Each organisation is able to provide testimonials and positive feedback from previous similar sessions delivered in GM schools and colleges.*

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

This programme of work will impact all priorities in the [Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan](#).

- Priority 2: Support community and voluntary organisations to deliver activities and interventions in areas of highest need
- Priority 3: Ensure that families and communities that are affected by serious violence are effectively supported through our place-based offer
- Priority 7: Collaborate with schools, colleges and alternative provision to prevent violence

'By adopting a public health approach violence can be prevented. A range of different interventions throughout the life course can reduce individuals' propensity for violence, lower the chances of those involved again and ensure that those affected by violence get the support they require' (Bellis et al 2012).

Procurement Comments:

This is a collective of known organisations each of low value. Expectation documents and payment terms to be agreed prior to payment.

No procurement concerns.

Financial comments:

The targeted interventions will be funded from the GM VRU's Education budget line.

Payments will be made on receipt of invoice, expected monthly for sessions delivered within each period.

Legal comments:

The development of any formal agreement between the GM VRU (GMCA) and the above organisations will be done with the support of the GMCA Procurement and MCC Legal teams

Risk Assessment:

All commissioned organisations will comply with school/college safeguarding procedures, values and ethos. Organisations will be supported by school/college staff while on the premises and during delivery

The funding will need to be spent by 31st July 2023. 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 funded programme of work will be overseen by the Education Delivery Group

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The programme is designed to support the safety of Young People through positive narrative to steer responsible decision making and explore the consequences of poor decisions. The programme will focus on the wellbeing and positive mental health of all children involved.

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

Where parents access the parent training programme the recruitment and supervision of parents will be led by the school and adhere to school policies and procedures.

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



Signed.....

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

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed.....

Date.....

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed:

Date: