

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Philip Leigh

Subject/ Title:
GM Drug Related Deaths (DRD)

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.

The decision is that:	
The contract with Liverpool John Moores University for the provision of a Drug and Alcohol Related Deaths Monitoring System is extended for a period of 12-months in accordance with the provisions of the contract.	
The value of the 12-month extension is £74,160 reflecting a 3% uplift due to increased costs to the provider. GMCA will commission this system on behalf of the 10 GM local authorities with the local authorities fully funding the system as set out below. Funding has been agreed via the GM Drug and Alcohol Commissioners Group.	
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Bury	4,995
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Tameside	5,923
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The reasons for the decision are:
Drug related death (DRD) remains a significant issue at both a local and national level within England and Wales, with 2019's death registrations showing a new record number of drug poisonings recorded for the eighth consecutive year. The 10 local authorities across Greater Manchester have

seen a substantial rise in both drug misuse deaths (48.8%) and deaths from drug poisoning (which include drug misuse deaths) (151.3%) since the ONS began collecting this data in 1993. The rise has been particularly acute since 2013, and the majority of overdose deaths occur outside of the treatment system.

This system will enable data and information to be compiled by local authority in the following areas:

- demographics and trends
- substances implicated in toxicology
- cause and verdicts of deaths where available
- common themes such as employment/accommodation/relationship status
- characteristics of deaths

This will build a more detailed picture across GM of what is happening in relation to drug related deaths, help in improving the response to these and assist with delivering the ambition of reducing drug related deaths in GM.

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

This aligns with the GMS priority around building safer and stronger communities.

Procurement comments:

This extension is allowed for in the original contract and the total spend including extension remain below the threshold for the full application of Public Contracts Regulations (2015), therefore no specific procurement concerns. However, if the need for the service continues beyond the timeframe described in this notice, please revert to Commercial Services for further advice and support.

Financial comments:

This is being commissioned at a GM level on behalf of all local authorities. This will be fully funded to the value of £74,160 with each local authority contributing the value indicated below;

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The commitment from Local Authorities to contribute these funds has been agreed through the GM Drug & Alcohol Commissioners group and has been built into national 'Supplementary Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant' funding received by local authorities. Copies of the SSMTRG funding profiles have been submitted to GMCA by the LAs.

Legal comments:

When commissioning contracts for the procurement of goods, services or the execution of works, the GMCA must comply with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) and its own Contract Procurement Rules Orders (CPR's) failing which the decision may be subject to legal challenge.

It is an established principle that an existing public contract is capable of being extended where the original agreement makes provision for the extension, and CPR's allow for contract extensions to be made where the original contract makes provision for such an extension of the original term.

When Liverpool John Moores University were originally appointed, the initial term could be subject to a potential extension and so the option to extend within the agreement is now being properly exercised.

Risk Assessment:

If funding is not approved then it will reduce GM's capability to monitor drug related deaths and themes / demographics of these which will help in future response to these.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The service does not work directly with children.

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

The service does not work directly with vulnerable adults.

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

D. Daley

Signed... ..

Date.....13th December 2022.....

Agreed by GMCA Deputy Treasurer

Robert Rosewell

Signed

Date 22/12/2022

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Ben Hughes

Signed:

Date: ...22nd December 2022.....

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