

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Sushma Parmar, Probation lead of the GMVRU

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| Subject: Children/young people and young adults who are at risk violent offending or vulnerable to serious offending |
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Type of decision:

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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 GMVRU GMCA are seeking to pay 20k to Achieve Northwest Connect to manage a Personalised Budget fund allowing equal access to young adults on probation and those subject to statutory supervision by the Youth Justice Services across Greater Manchester.

This service will be for:

Young Adults :18-25yr olds men and women on statutory supervision to the Greater Manchester Probation Service. We will provide additional advertising to minority groups including BAME, women and those accessing additional support services. The Personalised Budget will uplift, enhance a service user's life chances and/or support desistance from further offending.

Children and Young people: those subject to statutory supervision by youth justices' services across Greater Manchester boroughs: Manchester, Salford, Trafford, Oldham, Rochdale, Tameside, Stockport, Wigan, Bolton, Bury.

Achieve North West connect will be responsible for

Administrating the personalised budget funds

Develop an application form and guidance for PPs/Youth Justice practitioners and partners.

internally set up application process/ policy for the management of Personalised Budget.

Set up communication between Achieve and the stakeholders to advertise the provision and process.

Provide progress report on a quarterly basis

The reasons for the decision are:

The Criminal Justice delivery group workstream identified, through the multi-agency processes and structures in place, the key areas of focus and priority to deliver on the Serious Violence action plan, namely the 16-25 cohort, and specifically those who are experiencing transitions or significant impacts from experiences such as adverse childhood experiences and/or societal experiences of being part of an ethnic minority community.

Achieve Connect are working within the sector as an existing supplier of Employment Education and Training service within the Probation service. The service has successfully facilitated the VRU funded practitioners commissioned budget to 18-25 young adult on probation in 2021-2022 and given the established probation and YJS working arrangements around transitions, they are well placed to extend this service to the GM YJS services.

This established service will support fast and cohesive deployment of services. Achieve Connects specific expertise in the Criminal Justice System and established working arrangements means that they are in a unique place to deliver on this practitioners commissioning service for young people and young adults within the YJS and the Probation service. A web based research and consultation with a GM subject expert group to identify potential suppliers has found no other suppliers available to deliver a similar service.

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](#)
- The [Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan](#).
- The [GM Integrated Health And Justice Strategy](#)

Financial comments:

The payment of 20k will be Achieve Connect Northwest. This includes a fee of 5% of total budget= £1000 to manage and administer the Personalised Budget.

Legal comments:

The funding has been allocated according to existing procurement rules. There are no known legal risks.

The GM VRU have sought the support of the Manchester City Council Legal and GMCA Procurement Teams for the drafting of the necessary Service Contracts and Grant Funding Agreements for the above services. The GM VRU will need to seek further advice from both teams should any changes be made to the contracts or GFA

Procurement comments:

Should any extension or other amendment to these arrangements be proposed in the future, we will revert to Commercial/Procurement for further advice.

Risk Assessment:

The funding has been allocated according to existing procurement rules, with support from legal and Information Governance. There are no known wider risks been identified.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The safeguarding of Children and Young People is paramount for the services being delivered through this funding. The work aims to provide the appropriate support to Children and Young People across the Youth Justice and Probation sector who are linked with serious violence and divert them from re-offending.

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

As noted above

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



Signed:

Date: 20th Jan 2023

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed:

Date:

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed:

Date:

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