

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Matt Berry, Senior Partnership Officer /
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Subject/ Title:
Equipment costs for 2 X GMCA hosted Complex Safeguarding Officers

Type of decision:			
Deputy Mayor's decision		Chief Officer's decision	X

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>Essential equipment costs to be allocated in order to establish and base complex safeguarding officers at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. This funding is sourced via the 10 GM district local authorities via Directors of Children's Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dell Laptop £960 • iPhone 13 Mini £539 <p>X 2 Officers</p> <p>TOTAL £2998</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>The 2 X Complex Safeguarding posts were previously resourced through secondment agreements with individual LAs but it has been agreed that the GMCA will now host these posts with funding provided through £26k contribution from each Local Authority. The staff will require laptops and phones in order to operate from the GMCA. This proposal is to use a proportion of the LA contribution for this purpose.</p>
<p>This decision will contribute to priorities of the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:</p> <p>Complex safeguarding work at its core is focussed on tackling criminal activity (often organised), or behaviour associated to criminality, involving</p>

vulnerable children / young people, where there is exploitation and / or a clear or implied safeguarding concern. This is relevant to the following key priorities within the GM Strategy:

- **Safer and Stronger Communities** – Disrupting this activity and providing interventions and support to children/ young persons
- **Young people** – ensuring young victims of crime have access to support to help the cope, recover and move on from the crimes committed.
- **Healthy lives** – improving pathways to health for those who have been a victim of crime.

Procurement comments:

N/A. Procurement regulations do not apply

Financial comments:

The costs will be sourced from cost centre 3001 where there are sufficient funds.

Legal comments:

N/A Legal advice not required

Risk Assessment:

The Complex Safeguarding posts were previously resourced through secondment agreements with individual local authorities. At this time, there are no foreseen issues with the change of host organisation to undertaking/ fulfilling the role. There will be regular periods of review to address any challenges that do arise.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

At its core, the criminal exploitation of children is a safeguarding issue. The 10 local authority children's services directorates are fully engaged in basing the Complex Safeguarding Hub within the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

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

Whilst not the focus of this work, in some instances, particularly relating to organised crime, it is possible that disclosures may also include vulnerable adults, pathways for intervention and support are in place with organisations in these instances.

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



Signed...

Date...24th Feb 2023.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed.....

Date.....

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

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