

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Matt Berry Senior Policy and Partnership Officer

Subject/ Title:
GM Youth Justice Speech and Language Therapy (SALT) pilot - part of the GM Collaborative Commissioning Network (CCN) Bury & Rochdale Youth Justice Services

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

In all cases this will need to be approved by the Assistant Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>£27,331.00 is allocated from the portion of the Collaborative Commissioning Network budget held by GMCA. CCN is a NHS England initiative that explores how health services are delivered in justice settings.</p> <p>The funding will be used to fund Invoice for 2 years funding for the NHSE Bury & Rochdale Youth Justice Services SALT post over 2021/22 and 2022/23</p> <p>CCN is a NHS England national initiative to explore new ways of delivering health services in justice settings, and in GM we have focused our response on children and young people in 4 priority pathways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those in contact with Liaison and Diversion Services either within police custody or a court setting; • Those transitioning into and out of detention; • Those transitioning into and out of secure welfare placements; • Those presenting at Sexual Assault Referral Centres.
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>The GM Collaborative Commissioning project is working to understand and improve health support for children and young people in touch with the criminal justice system.</p> <p>This programme forms part of GM's Health and Justice Strategy, and is funded by NHS England.</p>

The scope has been determined by local knowledge about the high correlation between children and young people in the criminal justice system, and their complex (often unmet) mental health and communication needs. This high level of correlation was highlighted by Professor Eddie Kane's research for the GM Health and Justice Strategic Review in 2018.

As a result, and as part of the overall project, we are piloting the provision of additional speech and language capacity within youth justice services, recognising the high levels of young people who the services work with, with communication, speech and language needs. Year One of the pilot in 2019/2020 showed the value of additional SALT capacity, and flagged up some more detailed themes which we are continuing to explore in further years.

Procurement comments:

Advice from the GMCA procurement team has been sought, and an exemption approval form has been completed and approved.

Financial comments:

This will be funded from the budget allocated to the Collaborative Commissioning Network project by NHS England.

There are sufficient funds in the budget to cover this cost.

Legal comments:

This pilot builds on an existing commissioning arrangement, already in place between Rochdale Council (the commissioner) and Rochdale NHS Foundation Trust, who provide speech and language services to the Council.

As part of the pilot, GMCA fund extra hours for the SALT worker who works with the youth justice team, with funding from our NHS Collaborative Commissioning Network funding.

Risk Assessment:

Failure to deliver this pilot may have an adverse impact in our goal of providing the highest quality support to some of our most vulnerable young people – those in touch with youth justice services.

Carrying out the pilot will enable us to understand:

- The additional benefits of more capacity in this area for young people;
- The additional benefits of more capacity in this area for Youth Justice team staff, and partnership working with other professionals, including multi-agency working, formal and informal skills transfer and increased access and signposting to core NHS services and other organisations;
- Trends across a regional level (the pilot takes places across 7 GM districts).

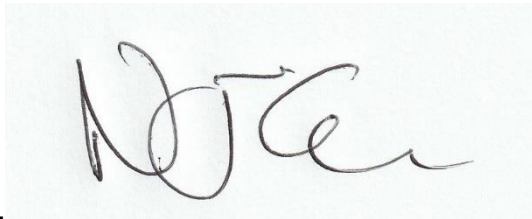
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

The pilot will be delivered within Youth Justice teams, who have their own safeguarding processes and procedures in place.

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

Not applicable – this project does not encompass work with adults

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



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Date...3rd March 2023.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

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Date.....

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

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