

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Dave Gilbride – project lead**

<b>Subject. Delivery of VRU / StreetDoctors app based learning</b>			
<b>Type of decision: Budget/financial</b>			
<b>Deputy Mayor's decision</b>		<b>Chief Officer's decision</b>	<b>x</b>

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

<p><b>The decision is that:</b></p> <p>A 2022/23 budget allocation of £20,000 - VRU (Education) budget to fund the StreetDoctors app based learning.</p>
<p><b>The reasons for the decision are:</b></p> <p>In 2021/22 – GM VRU and Merseyside VRP worked in partnership with StreetDoctors to develop an app-based version of the StreetDoctors lifesaver programme. (Usually delivered face to face in schools but with cost / resource and logistical implications). The app has been tested with learners and teachers in various educational settings and is now ready for roll out. Access per pupil to the app-based modules (a log in) will be £15 (charged by StreetDoctors), and it was always agreed that StreetDoctors would hold the rights and eventually license the product. As both GM and Merseyside helped to develop this product, we have been given access per pupil of £5, and also 400 free access per area. Our Navigators have been helping to facilitate the testing of the product (utilising 1 log in for group session), and there is a keen interest from schools / colleges / Princes Trust to deliver this app-based training. Antony Edkins has agreed to support the roll out with £20,000 from the 2022/23 budget, to further engage educational establishments in the awareness and prevention of violence. This will provide us with a total of 4400 log ins, with no expiry. We are now considering how mental health first aid might be developed and delivered in a similar way.</p>
<p><b>This decision will contribute to priorities of the Greater Manchester strategy in the following ways:</b></p> <p>This programme of work will impact the following GM Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All four priorities in the <a href="#">Standing Together plan</a></li> <li>• All priorities of the <a href="#">Greater Manchester Serious Violence Action Plan.</a></li> <li>• The <a href="#">GM Integrated Health And Justice Strategy</a></li> <li>•</li> </ul>

**Financial comments:** - £20K from 2022/23 CC3025 Serious Violence core budget- Education budget line.

**Legal comments:** Exemption notice provided. Unique supplier. No existing contract.

For contracts of this value the Council would usually undertake an exercise to obtain three quotations, and whilst waivers to the Contract Procedure Rules may be authorised by a decision notice from Chief Officer where the value is up to £50,000, as detailed in section B of Part 6 of the Constitution there is still a risk of challenge from aggrieved providers if the usual process has not been followed. The risk of challenge increases in tandem with the value and proposed length of the contract or extension. In this instance, as noted in the report, the value of the proposed contract is extremely low.

The report confirms that there is a need to implement the system, and the nature of the services is specialist with the provider being in a unique position to deliver the service, hence the risk of any challenge in this instance could therefore be regarded as extremely low.

**Procurement comments:**

As (i) GM VRU and Merseyside VRP worked with StreetDoctors to develop the app-based version of the StreetDoctors programme and (ii) the purchase is consequently heavily discounted, both the 'sole supplier' and 'value for money' justifications put forward are considered valid. Also, low value.

Therefore, no significant procurement concerns. Should any proposal arise to expand the use of the App beyond the scope or value detailed in this document, then Commercial Services will be consulted for further advice and support.

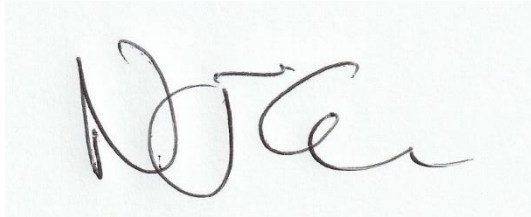
**Risk Assessment:** StreetDoctors are a previously commissioned service and development of this product was agreed with previous decision notice. No perceived risk. Purchase of the app access has no expiry date for use.

**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

The product has been developed and tested by StreetDoctors to ensure it is age appropriate. (13 plus) This product is for delivery under supervision of teaching staff and no perceived risk. .

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

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



Signed:

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 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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