

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Emma Stonier / Alison Connelly (Senior Partnerships and Policy Officer / Offenders and Criminal Justice Principal)

Subject/ Title:
12 month extension MoJ Victims Core Grant funding (tier 2 victims services)

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.

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>The Victim Services Strategic Review continues to take place. The multi crime Victim Service is now out for tender and a new service is expected to be in place by 1st July 2023. This has delayed the review of services underpinning this and commissioning decisions around where we allocate funding in future.</p> <p>An expression of Interest will be undertaken to appoint someone to review the Tier 2 services, therefore to allow adequate time to undertake the review and communicate this to services and partners we are recommending that the services we currently fund are extended for a further 12 months. An outline proposal for future funding and procurement will be developed by autumn 2023.</p> <p>It is recommended that the following services, currently grant funded by GMCA, are extended for a further 12 months (1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024) to align with this process.</p> <p>The services included in the 12-month extension are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manchester Action on Street Health (MASH) - £49,012 • Survivors Manchester - £81,952 • Trafford Rape Crisis - £22,500 • Greater Manchester Rape Crisis - £22,500

- Local Authority IDVA service provision - £420,000 across 10 local authorities (Manchester 60k, all other local authorities £40k)
- LGBT IDVA (Manchester City Council for commissioning the LGBT Foundation) - £29,593
- Guardian Project - £49,000
- Community Safety Trust (CST) - £28,116
- Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline Service (Independent Choices) – £30,000
- LGBT Hate Crime Service (LGBT Foundation) - £29,580
- City Hearts – Trafficking Support Service - £20,000

Total funding of £703,660 via the MOJ Victims Budget for 2023/24.

Total funding to be approved - **£703,660**

The reasons for the decision are:

The recommissioning of the GM Victims' Service commenced in 2022 and it was expected that a new gate-way service would be in place by December 2022. However, this was further delayed with a new service now due to be in place by July 2023.

Extending support services underpinning this to align with this and whilst the review of the Tier 2 services takes place is crucial whilst this commissioning exercise is underway. This will maintain stability across the sector and continue to provide essential support to victims in GM.

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

Delivering services to Victims of Crime falls under the following priorities in the delivery plan for the Police, Crime and Fire team:

- Priority 2 – a better service for victims of crime measured against the victims' survey.
- Priority 6 – tackle gender-based violence and abuse in all its forms.

It also contributes towards the Standing Together Plan – priority 1 keeping people safe and supporting victims.

Procurement comments:

Continued grant funding while review is undertaken is considered reasonable in the circumstances and is low risk. Should any proposal arise to extend the scope of the values or timescales detailed in this document, please revert to Commercial Services for additional advice and support.

Beyond this, the effects of relevant Subsidy Control legislation should be considered.

Financial comments:

The funding will be provided via the annual MOJ victims' budget (cost code 3011). GMCA have a 3 year funding agreement from the Ministry of Justice with funding allocated until 31st March 2025.

Legal comments:

Funding will be provided via a grant addendum for the full financial year and a grant agreement will be issued to all organisations. Within the grant conditions, service providers will be required to complete regular grant monitoring returns.

Risk Assessment:

A further 12-month extension will allow consistency of service provision and alignment of funding streams, whilst the GM Victim Service is recommissioned and mobilised.

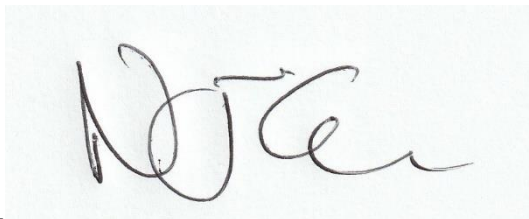
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding of children will continue to be a key aspect of service delivery for services we grant fund and will be dealt with using the agreed protocols

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

Adult safeguarding will continue to be a key aspect of service delivery for services we grant fund and will be dealt with using the agreed protocols.

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



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Date...18th May 2023.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed: 

Date: 26/05/2023

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

Signed: 

Date: ...26th May 2023.....

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