

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Bethan Dearden, Senior Partnership and Policy Officer

Subject:
Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Interventions

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

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

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>GMCA have been successful Home Office grant funding, to support the continuation of perpetrator-focused domestic abuse interventions.</p> <p>The Home Office published an invitation to PCCs in to apply for funding to improve outcomes for perpetrators of domestic abuse with the aim of reducing reoffending and protecting victims and survivors of domestic abuse of perpetrator-focused domestic abuse programmes.</p> <p>Funding will be provided to PCCs as the lead partner, but the expectation is that PCCs will deliver the intervention in collaboration with a partner organisation.</p> <p>Part 1 of the funding; the Home Office have agreed that Local Authorities within GM would be the partner organisation to deliver Adult focused domestic abuse perpetrator interventions.</p> <p>The Deputy Mayor agrees to award each Greater Manchester LA the below funding to support the development and rollout of a DA perpetrator Interventions; The funding will be used from the Home Office Fund.</p> <p>2023/24</p> <p>DA Perp intervention City Manchester £60,290 DA Perp Intervention Bolton £33,645 DA Perpetrator Intervention Stockport £33,645 DA Perpetrator Intervention Wigan £33,645 DA Perpetrator Intervention Bury £33,645</p>
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DA Perpetrator Intervention Salford £33,645
DA Perpetrator Intervention Rochdale £33,645
DA Perpetrator Intervention Trafford £33,645
DA Perpetrator Intervention Oldham £33,645

2023/24 Total funding amount to be devolved to CSPs: **£329,450**

The funding will be granted on the condition that the individual CSP plans are aligned to the wider strategic priorities of their organisation and partners.

Part 2 of the funding is to roll out Project Cara across GM,

Project CARA is an early ‘awareness raising diversionary’ intervention targeting domestic abuse offenders who have received a Diversionary Caution. Offenders attend two workshops which are designed to help them understand what domestic abuse is, the impact it has, and its consequences. It also signposts offenders to other specialist services.

This will be done in partnership with the Hampton Trust and GMP.

The Hampton Trust will have a grant agreement with GMCA, as the specialist organisation that can support the roll out of CARA through GMP, ensuring that mobilisation of the service is to a correct standard and that the delivery of the programme will also be continually monitored. The Hampton Trust also holds the licence to deliver CARA.

GMP will commission a specialist organisation to deliver CARA and will be provided funding through the Home Office Grant.

The Deputy Mayor agrees to award GMP £90,000 and the Hampton Trust £44,800 to support the development and rollout of project CARA; The funding will be used from the Home Office Fund.

The reasons for the decision are:

A strategic priority of the Home Office is to end all forms of violence against women and girls (VAWG) as set out in both the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy and the Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan. The

Interpersonal Abuse Unit's aim is to protect and support vulnerable victims of interpersonal violence, including children affected by domestic abuse.

In 2020/21 the Home Office issued the first iteration 'Domestic Abuse Perpetrator Programme Fund' totalling over £7m, which aimed to increase the availability of domestic abuse perpetrator interventions, including rolling out the Drive project. The second £11m fund, which launched in 2021/22, placed specific focus on children and adolescents displaying (potentially) problematic behaviour towards their parents/carers, as well as interventions specifically for perpetrators of stalking. To build on our work to date, we state our ambition in the Tackling Domestic Abuse Plan to invest in, and evaluate, perpetrator interventions as these are critical to reducing the risk posed by the perpetrator and understanding how to prevent these individuals reoffending in future.

The Grant from the Home Office is paid to the GMCA in exercise of the power conferred upon the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 169 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to provide financial support to assist victims, witnesses or other persons affected by offences.

The grant has been awarded due to the above framework being successful in a bidding process, and they are satisfied that this is a broad well-defined framework describing the outcomes and impacts that the Funding is intended to achieve whilst allowing GMCA to exercise independent discretion in delivering the inputs and outputs detailed in its Delivery Proposal.

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](#)
- All priorities of the Greater Manchester Gender-Based Violence Strategy.

Financial comments:

A one-off payment will be made to each Local Authority area following the approval of their submitted interventions, this is limited to in year spend up to March 2024. The funding will be made from the Home Office Fund. A Grant Agreement with the GMCA is in place for this funding. Furthermore, the Local Authorities will be required to submit quarterly returns to the GMCA to evidence the funding will be/has been spent in-year. This process will be replicated for 2024/25.

Payment will be made to the Hampton Trust, The funding will be made from the Home Office Fund. A Grant Agreement with the GMCA is in place for this funding. Furthermore, The Hampton Trust will be required to submit quarterly returns to the GMCA to evidence the funding will be/has been spent in-year.

This process will be replicated for 2024/25.

Payment will be made to GMP, who will fund the commissioned provider, The funding will be made from the Home Office Fund. A Grant Agreement with the GMCA is in place for this funding. Furthermore, GMP & the Provider will be required to submit quarterly returns to the GMCA to evidence the funding will be/has been spent in-year.

This process will be replicated for 2024/25.

Legal comments:

A Grant Funding Agreement will be developed between the GMCA and the respective LA's with the support of the GMCA Procurement, which will be agreed and co-signed by each local authority.

A Grant Funding Agreement will be developed between GMCA and the Hampton Trust with the support of the GMCA Procurement.

Procurement comments:

As noted above, A Grant Funding Agreement has been developed between the GMCA and the respective La's with the support of the GMCA Procurement.

As a condition of the Home Office Grant Agreement to deliver Cara, the Hampton Trust own the license and concept, therefore a grant to the Hampton Trust will be made.

Risk Assessment:

Any amount not spent under this allocation will be returned to the GMCA and will be lost to implementing effective interventions and activity within Greater Manchester.

Under the Subsidy Control Act, GMCA will need to demonstrate that they have considered whether this grant funding is considered a subsidy. To assist, in view of the nature of the project, it could be said that the recipient is not an enterprise, they do not offer goods and services on a market, funding is provided for targeted Authorities to support the GMCA projects, and the financial assistance will not have an effect on competition or investment that is more than incidental or hypothetical. Accordingly, the grant funding would not be considered to be a subsidy.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding of children is central to any work carried out with domestic abuse perpetrators, work carried out to improve the interaction will have a positive impact on children and young people involved in high risk, high harm relationships.

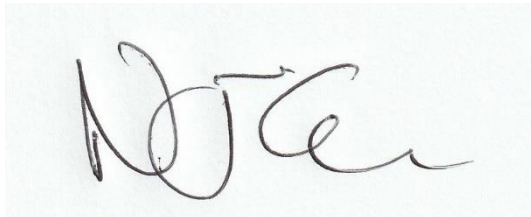
All services commissioned that involve direct work with children and young people and vulnerable adults will have the correct safeguarding policies in place as part of the contracting/ grant requirements.

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

Safeguarding of vulnerable adults is central to any work carried out with domestic abuse perpetrators and their experiences inform the work carried out in this area.

As noted above, all services commissioned that involve direct work with children and young people and vulnerable adults will have the correct safeguarding policies in place as part of the contracting/ grant requirements.

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



Signed:

Date: 20th March 2024

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed:

Date: 21st March 2024

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed: 

Date: 26th March 2024

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