

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Philip Leigh – Senior Policy and Partnership Officer

Subject/ Title:
Greater Manchester Integrated Recovery Services Dependency and Recovery Grants 2024/25

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.

The decision is that:	
Greater Manchester Integrated Recovery Services Dependency and Recovery (GM IRS D&R) grants are made to the ten Greater Manchester local authorities to enable the co-ordinated commissioning of effective drug and alcohol services for clients of HM Probation Service. The values for 2024/25 are indicated in the table below.	
Local Authority Area	Allocation April 24 to March 25 (£)
Bury	81,185
Bolton	145,793
Manchester	304,459
Oldham	92,549
Rochdale	102,721
Salford	148,052
Stockport	80,043
Tameside	88,047
Trafford	65,739
Wigan	148,412
Total	1,257,000

The reasons for the decision are:
The provision of enhanced substance misuse treatment pathways and treatment intensity for clients of the Probation Service is key to improving client engagement, subsequent treatment outcomes, and ultimately reduced offending.

Delivering enhanced D&R pathways and treatment via the existing community providers commissioned by local authorities, provides a coherent treatment system for service users and professionals. A separately commissioned service for clients of the Probation Service would provide a less efficient and less co-ordinated system and may even be detrimental to outcomes due to clients needing to access multiple points for substance use support. This would also limit the feedback of information from core treatment services to probation as there would be no funded capacity.

In previous years, this funding has been provided directly to the treatment services by the GMCA however this removed the local authority commissioners from the direct process and is not optimal in terms of strategic co-ordination with other funding streams available for this area of work. The 2023/24 D&R funding decision notice, approved 29th November 2023, indicated that providing funding to local authorities is the preferred model for 2024/25 and beyond should IRS funding be available. This model has been discussed with local authority commissioners and relevant service providers at GM co-ordination meetings over the last 12 months.

The D&R funding will follow the same model as is currently used between the GMCA and local authority areas for the Community Safety Grant, Voluntary and Community Sector Grant, and Hate Crime Grant (relevant DN approved 19th April 2023). It is intended that the local CSP will provide scrutiny of the grant for each local authority and will provide assurance to the GMCA that the funds have been utilised in accordance with the grant conditions.

Funding values are currently only available for 2024/25 however if IRS D&R funding remains available in future years, it is intended that this grant funding process to local authorities will remain the preferred model.

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

This aligns with the GMS priority around building safer and stronger communities.

The decision also contributes to various elements of the Greater Manchester Combatting Drugs Partnership Strategic Delivery Plan

Procurement comments:

No Procurement concerns. Grant funding to Greater Manchester Local Authorities. The named authorities become the Contracting Authorities for the purpose of the relevant Procurement regulations. The relevant subsidy control processes should be observed.

Financial comments:

Available funding for the D&R element of the GM IRS is confirmed as shown in the table below. The expenditure proposed above is within the available budget.

Year	Lot 3: D&R
2024/25	£1,262,000

Account Code 4910, Cost Centre 3035

Legal comments:

The funding will be passed to local community providers for delivery of the services outlined in the report, which will provide better scrutiny of the grant for each local authority and will provide assurance to the GMCA that the funds have been utilised in accordance with grant conditions. Going forward, it is anticipated that each local authority within GM will be funded separately for them to commission their own providers and will be subject to their own constitutional requirements and Public Contracts Regulations 2015, pending introduction of the new Procurement Act which is anticipated to come into force in Autumn 2024.

Risk Assessment:

The delivery of GM IRS D&R services via existing service provision is key to ensuring a clear and co-ordinated treatment system for Greater Manchester Probation Service clients who require access to substance misuse services. Providing grant funding to local authority commissioners enables local and national funding to be utilised together to ensure the most effective and best value service is available for clients also engaged in the criminal justice system. Commissioning a separate, stand-alone GM service for clients of the probation service would create a confusing, difficult to navigate system where clients are likely to require attendance at multiple services. This would also limit the feedback of information from core treatment services to probation as there would be no funded capacity.

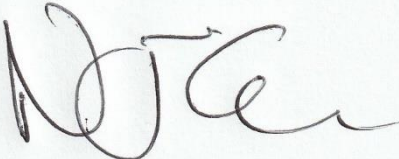
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Not relevant

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

Requirements to ensure the safeguarding of vulnerable adults are included in the primary contracts between the local authorities and service providers.

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



Signed.....

Date.....23rd May 2024.....

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer



Signed

Date 23/05/2024

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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



Signed:

Date: ...28th May 2024.....

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