

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Bethan Dearden

Subject/ Title:
The Greater Manchester Restorative Service – Provider award

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: Remedi will provide the GM RJ Service from 4th July for 12 months with the option to extend for a further year.</p> <p>Value £250,000 per annum</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Since 2018 The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) have commissioned a Restorative Justice Hub and Cluster Service to help victims of crime cope and recover from their experiences and to help offenders to take responsibility for their actions and make amends.</p> <p>In April 24, following legal advice, a competitive procurement exercise was undertaken inviting applicants to apply to deliver the Greater Manchester Restorative Justice Service which will see high quality RJ delivered by staff located in every Local Authority area of Greater Manchester.</p> <p>The service will offer RJ in each district and be available to neighbourhoods as an intervention for antisocial behaviour and low lever offending, it will also provide a service that will support both the victim and offender following sentence and in serious and complex cases.</p> <p>This service will be an all-age Restorative Justice Service, delivering restorative practice in accordance with relevant Restorative Justice Council guidance in relation to preparation, facilitation and follow up.</p> <p>It will deliver training, workforce development and awareness raising for services including GMP.</p> <p>The service will Focus on Level 2 and Level 3 Restorative Justice and in supporting Greater Manchester Police to improve their practice at level 1.</p>

The Service will ensure and promote equity of access that reflects the demographics of those who have experienced crime across Greater Manchester.

The Service will continuously improve service delivery using evidence-based systems, processes and research.

The GMRJ service will provide a champion in each district who will help to support partners and colleagues to understand Restorative Approaches.

Remedi were the only provider to bid to deliver the service.

A moderation process with representation from GMCA, GMP and GMPS was undertaken to ensure that even though Remedi was the only applicant that we were satisfied that they met the specification criteria, and we were satisfied that they could provide the service to the high standard that is required.

Remedi met the threshold and a joint decision to award was reached.

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

The Greater Manchester Strategy, 'Stronger Together', places Public Service Reform at the heart of its strategic ambition.

Growth and Reform Plan, devolution agreements, and the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan 'Taking Charge' restate the commitment to reshaping services and supporting as many people as possible to contribute to and benefit from the opportunities growth brings.

Remedi have aligned to the principles of Public Service Reform, providing evidence of working effectively with service users, key partners and community-based services using a 'working with' approach and using RJ to empower victims using a person-centred approach.

They provide a strong emphasis on empowering service users to shape and influence the process and examples of how the service has demonstrated this using co-location, joined up working, with assessment using the MoJ 8 categories of need to identify wider issues.

They evidenced an asset-based approach using an example showing how communities they have worked in were encouraged to celebrate social action projects.

Procurement comments:

A full Open invitation to Tender exercise was undertaken. It was fully compliant with the Public Contracts Regulations (2015) and with the Contract Procurement Rules element of the GMCA Constitution. The process was supervised by the appropriate officers within the GMCA Commercial Services function.

During the course of the first year of the contract, a decision should be taken on the form that the service will take in the future and it is advised that Commercial Services are involved at an early stage.

Commercial Services file ref: **GMCA 944**

Financial comments:

The funding will come from the MOJ Victims Fund and the, HMPs & the FIM, there are sufficient funds within the budget.

Legal comments:

No legal consultation is required.

Risk Assessment:

Risks associated with the contract as a new provider are mitigated due to Remedi being the existing provider, this will allow for a smooth transition.

By choosing to fund the above project, the needs of some of Greater Manchester's most vulnerable victims will be met and ensure a greater consistency in the provision of Restorative Justice across all areas.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Yes – Remedi have relevant safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

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

Yes – Remedi have relevant safeguarding policies and procedures in place.

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

Signed 

Date 20th June 2024

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed... 

Date...21st June 2024.....

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

Signed 

Date 27th June 2024

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