

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: Julie Casanova, Senior Policy & Partnership Officer at GM Complex Safeguarding Hub.

Subject: Online Harms & Exploitation – Input from SWGfL Online Safety at the Complex Safeguarding Child Exploitation Conference for the Wider Workforce (Speaking Fees/Travelling Fees)

Type of decision: Funding Agreement

Deputy Mayor’s decision		Chief Officer’s decision	X
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In all case this will need to be approved by the Director Police, Crime, Criminal Justice and Fire.

The decision is that:

GMCA Complex Safeguarding wishes to pay £830+VAT from the Complex Safeguarding Budget (Deputy Mayor Investment Fund) towards speaking and travelling fees to fund an input from SWGfL Online Safety on the topic of Online Harms & Exploitation at the Complex Safeguarding Child Exploitation Conference for the Wider Workforce.

The reasons for the decision are:

In light of the forthcoming publication of the Greater Manchester Complex Safeguarding Strategy for 2024-2027, and in partnership with GMP, Programme Challenger and the Violence Reduction Unit, the GM Complex Safeguarding Hub is organising a Child Exploitation conference for the wider workforce.

Tackling child exploitation and extra-familial harm requires everyone to play their part and to work as a joint system. As such, the launch of this strategy is a call for action, as well as an opportunity to ensure that frontline professionals across all sectors are appropriately equipped to support complex safeguarding teams through early identification, information-sharing, safeguarding, and multiagency disruption.

With the support of the Deputy Mayor, who will be opening one of the 4 events, the conference will aim to support this strategic vision by upskilling non-specialist frontline professionals.

The event will cover a range of key exploitation-related topics e.g. language, neurodiversity, trauma, child-centred approaches, lived experience, multiagency disruption, online harms, identities, the overlap between CCE & CSE, and the role of girls in County Lines. These thematics were selected in response to the training needs identified during our latest weeks of action.

To maximise reach, the content of the conference will be repeated across 4 days (listed below). Each iteration of the event will take place in person, at GMP Sedgley Park Training Centre in Prestwich, M25 0JT. The dates are the following:

- September 10th (first iteration)
- September 12th (second iteration)
- October 15th (third iteration)
- October 16th (fourth iteration)

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

This conference input directly aligns with the vision, priorities, and workforce development objectives outlined in the 2024-2027 GM Complex Safeguarding Strategy.

Procurement Comments:

No procurement issues raised due to the low funding amount.

Financial comments:

A one-off Payment of £830 + VAT will be made to St Giles from the Complex Safeguarding Budget (Deputy Mayor Investment Fund).

Legal comments:

No legal concerns were raised due to the low funding amount.

Risk Assessment:

No risks identified.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

N/A

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

N/A

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

Signed



Date 11th September 2024

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

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Date.....

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

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