

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Decision author and proposer: Damian Dallimore, Assistant Director,  
Police, Crime & Fire  
James Carrick, VRU Project & Policy Officer, GMCA**

**Subject: Provision of Complex Safeguarding Trusted Relationships  
Psychologists by Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust**

**Type of decision: Funding Agreement**

**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.**

**The decision is that:**

GMCA PCC (Complex Safeguarding) wish to pay £110,000 to Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust as part of a contract between GMCA & Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust to cover provision of a Psychologist for the GM Resilience Hub Trusted Relationships programme covering the delivery period 2024/25.

*GMCA previously spent £152,000 with Pennine Care for the same purpose in 2023/24, taking the total amount awarded to Pennine Care to £262,000.*

**The reasons for the decision are:**

In 2018, Greater Manchester Combined Authority led a successful c. £1.2m funding application to the Home Office to enhance the complex safeguarding offer across Greater Manchester, by embedding psychologists/psychotherapists into multi-agency complex safeguarding teams in each of the ten districts of GM.

The service is provided by Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust on behalf of the four GM NHS mental health trusts. This collaboration between the four trusts mirrors the arrangement in the GM Resilience Hub, set up to provide advice and support to people affected by the Manchester Arena terrorist attack.

The first psychologists commenced work in four complex safeguarding teams in January 2019 and was rolled out to the remainder of GM in line with the move towards multi-agency, complex safeguarding teams in each of the ten GM districts.

The role of the psychologist is to:

- Improve the understanding, knowledge and expertise of a range of frontline practitioners in the subject of trauma and therapeutic approaches to recovery.
- Add value to the assessments and interventions delivered by key workers (including social workers) so that they are informed by therapeutic approaches to trauma recovery.
- Embed case formulation into the practice of complex safeguarding teams, to make sense of young people's difficulties in the context of their relationships, social circumstances and life events.
- Undertake reflective supervision either individually or with groups of professionals, to support them with the challenging work that they are undertaking.

This programme is funded as a contract between GMCA & Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust via the following funding streams:

- NHS Integrated Care GM agreed to commit £25,000 per annum for three years from April 2022 which is paid directly to Pennine Care from NHS Integrated Care GM (not via GMCA)
- The 10 GM Local Authority Directors of Childrens Services (DCS) supplement this via a contribution from their own budget of £10,000 per annum, per district for the same period. The DCS contributions are paid centrally to GMCA from the 10 GM Local Authorities.
- The Deputy Mayor of GM supplements this via a contribution of £10,000 per annum from the Deputy Mayor's Investment Fund for the same period

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

This will fulfil:

- The Complex Safeguarding Strategy 2024-27
- Greater Than Violence Strategy

**Procurement Comments:**

Sole supplier justification is considered appropriate on the basis that the collaboration within the service as specified is designed to mirror the arrangements in the GM Resilience Hub, therefore it is recognised that Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust are uniquely positioned to provide this service. Please revert to Commercial Services should any proposal arise to extend the activity beyond the scope described in this document.

Commercial Services file reference: **GMCA 1243**

**Financial comments:**

Payment will be funded by a contribution from the Director of Children's Services (DCS) of all 10 Greater Manchester Local Authorities of £10,000 per annum for financial year 24/25. This is supplemented by a £10,000 per annum contribution from the Deputy Mayor's Investment Fund for financial year 24/25.

**Legal comments:**

The funding will be allocated according to existing procurement rules. There are no known legal risks.

**Risk Assessment:**

No risks identified - this organisation is an NHS Trust that is known for providing reliable and quality services in this field of expertise.

**Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:**

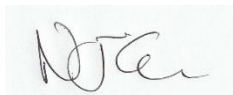
Safeguarding of children and young adults forms a golden thread throughout all Complex Safeguarding workstreams and this funding seeks to support ongoing work around the safeguarding of children via provision of highly qualified medical professionals, all of whom have DBS clearance.

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

Noted above. Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust has a Modern Slavery Statement

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

**Signed**



**Date** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

**Agreed by GMCA Treasurer**

**Signed**



**Date** 12/09/2024

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

**Signed:** 

**Date:** 17 September 2024