

DECISION NOTICE

Decision author and proposer: James Carrick, VRU Project & Policy Officer

Subject: Streetdoctors Sessions in Schools 2024/25 VRU

Type of decision: Budget/financial			
Deputy Mayor’s decision		Chief Officer’s decision	X

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

<p>The decision is that: Streetdoctors is a national charity which trains young people across the UK, in the physical and psychological consequences of street violence and develops their confidence and willingness to protect themselves and others. The training is delivered through a network of young healthcare volunteers (trainee doctors, nurses and paramedics) and youth workers in 18 cities across the UK, who empower young people affected by violence (aged 11-25) to become lifesavers in their community. The VRU wishes to award Streetdoctors £4,999 specifically to deliver their sessions in schools across GM in Q3/Q4 2024/25.</p>
<p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>Streetdoctors have been commissioned to deliver a focused schools training programme in June and July owing to the increased risk of violence young people may be exposed to when out of school over the longer summer break. The training will support young people to become more resilient and have the skills to act in an emergency situation, whilst understanding the impact of street violence.</p> <p>The VRU is partnering with Streetdoctors to deliver sessions in schools who before the end of the summer term. Streetdoctors will deliver 4-5 sessions in a day at each school to educate an entire year group. The sessions will focus on the first aid intervention required due to injury with a sharp object and the emotional impact of street violence. The training is trauma informed, and empowers young people affected by violence (aged 11-25) to become lifesavers in their community.</p> <p>The project will use evaluation measurements with clear metrics at the start and at the end of the session, which ensures the impact can be clearly measured against the training interventions and the programme outcomes.</p>

Streetdoctors evaluates individuals' progress, which enables them to demonstrate the impact of the training with a focus on increasing knowledge, skills, confidence and willingness to act. The impact is further measured through case studies, quotes and teacher feedback. We specifically want to measure the impact of these sessions in terms of how well they support the VRU's broader goals around understanding the consequences of violence, knowing what to do if someone is bleeding, and being willing to act in a first aid emergency. This emphasis aligns closely with the VRU's I am Greater campaign, which includes bystander theory as one of its cornerstones, which encourages pupils to step up in critical moments.

These sessions not only increase knowledge and confidence, but they also encourage young people to become active participants in their communities, helping to reduce street violence and save lives.

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 four priorities in the [Standing Together plan](#)
- All priorities of the [Greater Than Violence Strategy](#).
- The [Gender Based Violence Strategy](#)

Financial comments:

£4999.00 will be funded to Streetdoctors out of the GM VRU's 2024/25 Serious Violence core Home Office grant funding (Education budget line)

Legal comments:

The funding will be allocated according to existing procurement rules. There are no known legal risks or concerns due to low funding amount.

Procurement comments:

No procurement concerns due to low funding amount, The VRU will need to engage procurement support if it wishes to award any further funding to Streetdoctors to deliver sessions in schools.

Risk Assessment:

The funding has been allocated according to existing procurement rules, with support from legal and Information Governance. There are no known wider risks been identified.

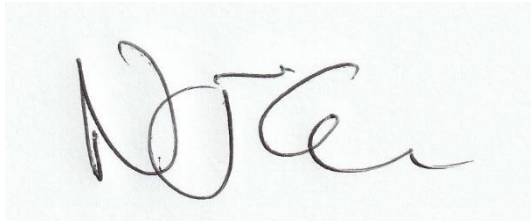
Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Safeguarding of children is paramount to violence reduction work, both as potential victims and perpetrators of serious violence. Streetdoctors staff, including medical volunteers, will be subject to stringent statutory safeguarding requirements as specified by the schools they operate in, including DBS checks. Streetdoctors will liaise with schools, including schools' Designated Safeguarding Leads, in advance of each session to ensure all safeguarding requirements have been met.

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

As above, though this programme is not expected to engage any vulnerable adults. Streetdoctors have a Modern Slavery Statement.

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



Signed:

Date: 16th October 2024

Agreed by GMCA Treasurer

Signed:

Date:

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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

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Date:

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