

DECISION NOTICE (GMP)

Decision author and proposer:

Subject:
Strategic Review of Health and Justice in Greater Manchester

Type of decision:			
Deputy Mayor's decision	x	Chief Officer's decision	

<p>The decision is that:</p> <p>A contract of £49,770 will be awarded to Bloom Procurement to enable Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust to undertake a strategic review of Health and Justice work in Greater Manchester.</p> <p>The review is a jointly funded piece of work and the contribution of GMCA will be £15,000, which will be taken from the GMCA Health and Justice Reserves.</p> <p>The reasons for the decision are:</p> <p>The Greater Manchester Health and Justice Board recognise that many of the people in contact with the Criminal Justice System have multiple and complex needs that one agency working alone can address. Partners acknowledge there are often strong links between such needs and victims of crime, offending and reoffending behaviour and therefore recognise the importance of collaborating to address health inequalities and reduce presentations into both systems.</p> <p>Health and Criminal Justice partners recognise they are working with many of the same vulnerable people, that health needs permeate a wide range of other dependencies and vulnerabilities, and that these vulnerabilities can be a significant driver of risk and demand within the criminal justice system. The Greater Manchester Health and Justice Board now seeks a more complete view of the wider landscape of health and justice.</p> <p>A competitive tender exercise was undertaken to identify a provider for this work, which will commence on 16th April 2018 and end on September 30th 2018.</p>

Alternative options considered and rejected:

1. To commission a strategic review by the GMCA research team.

This option was considered, but rejected on the basis that the best strategic review would require support from subject leaders with specialist insight and understanding of the wider landscape of health and justice. Further, it was deemed necessary to ensure that the review be conducted by individuals with a working knowledge of senior and strategic perspectives on decision making and investment.

2. To develop a health and justice strategy without an evidence base.

This option was not considered viable. The GM Health and Justice Strategy will be the first regional strategy of its kind in the UK, and given that it may include actions regarding GM-level investment by partners, must be based on a clear and robust evidence base.

Financial comments:

Funding is available and will come from the GMCA Health and Justice Reserves.

Funding will be split as follows:

- £15,000-GMCA
- £34,770-GM Health and Social Care Partnership

Funding will be made available in two stages;

- to support a review of investment and commissioning around health and justice,
- to support a period of assurance in supporting the development of a Greater Manchester Health and Justice Strategy.

Legal comments:

The process has been overseen by GMP's procurement team and is fully compliant with GMCA contract standing orders.

Bloom Procurement will be principal monitors of the contract on behalf of the Commissioner. Additional monitoring will be undertaken via close working with representatives of the Commissioner from the GMCA Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire team.

Findings will be reported to the Greater Manchester Health and Justice Board.

Risk Assessment:

- 1) The provider are unable to complete the review within agreed timescales.

This risk is largely informed by the requirement that a number of inputs are gathered by senior officers in a range of strategic positions throughout GM, and that securing the critical range required may delay the ability of the provider to produce findings.

This risk has been mitigated against in considering the length of the contract, and chiefly by agreeing that review inputs delivered to the Health and Justice Board in June 2018 should be regarded as interim and not final. Relevant senior officers have been made aware that they will be interviewed as part of the review and key points of contact allocated.

- 2) The provider is unable to conclude the review.

In the event that the reviewers are unable to complete their review, outputs to date will be held by GMCA. If sufficient outputs exist, they will be used by the GMCA research team to inform an internally-managed strategic review. Milestones for delivery in June and September have been agreed as part of the contract and work order with Bloom procurement and, in the event on non-completion of either stage of the review, GMCA will not be required to make payment.

- 3) Another service challenges the award of the contract

Procurement for the pilot identified two appointable tendees, but Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (via Bloom) demonstrated through the tender and presentation process that they were clearly the more appropriate service, as reflected by their higher scores. GMP's procurement team advise that this is sufficient to indicate there are no other services which could challenge for delivery of the contract.

- 4) The project becomes established and relied upon by the commissioner but funding arrangements cannot be agreed with Health.

GMCA is funding this service on the basis that it will be paid for in large part by the GM Health and Social Care Partnership. The GMCA Health and Justice Reserves fund has sufficient resilience to support payments in the interim (and the first payment is not due until June 2018) it is imperative that

GMCA agree the means by which partners from health undertake this transaction.

Is safeguarding of children relevant and has this been considered:

Young people have been identified as one of the target cohorts for the review and as such, any learning will be used to inform strategic discussions in relation to the support and safeguarding of vulnerable children.

Agreed by Deputy Mayor

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