

**DMPC Decision – PCD 1543**

**Title:** PCD 1543 Your Choice Transitional Funding

**Executive Summary:**

This decision sets out to advise that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime notes the tiered approach to funding allocation the VRU has in place relating. This relates to Decision paper PCD 1407 for the transitional funding provided by the London VRU to Local Authorities for the delivery of the Your Choice Programme.

The overall funding envelop for the programme has not changed and the funding allocated to each borough remains the same as per their grant agreements.

**Recommendation:**

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

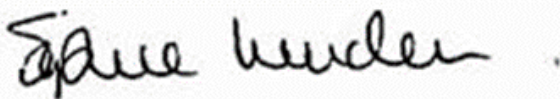
1. Approve the tiered approach to funding allocation the VRU has in place relating to PCD 1407 as per individual grant agreements with local authorities.

**Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

**Signature**



**Date**

01/11/2023

## PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC

### 1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 The Your Choice programme delivers High Intensity CBT therapeutic interventions to young people aged 11-17 who have been assessed to be at risk of, or vulnerable to violence and exploitation within a Local Authority context. The programme is funded by the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) and is being evaluated as a randomised control trial (RCT); a gold standard evaluation that will enable the VRU to strengthen our evidence base on trauma-informed, therapeutic interventions, achieving positive outcomes for children and young people.
- 1.2 The pilot phase ran from April 2022 to March 2023 with the full efficacy trial starting on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023, and due to end in December 2024.
- 1.3 Decision paper PCD 1407 approved for the VRU to allocate funding to 31 Local for the transitional period of April 2023 to July 2023, this funding has provided continuity of service provision between the pilot and efficacy phases of the RCT and has been critical to ensuring Local Authorities stay engaged with the programme during the drop off of funding from the YEF.

*'The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to approve the total allocation of up to £1,000,000 from VRU 2022/23 carry forwards, offering direct grants of **equal value** to 31 Local Authorities (barring Enfield who have opted out of the programme at end of pilot phase) and London Councils to provide transitional funding support for the Your Choice programme to enable continuity of service provision between pilot and efficacy phases of the RCT'.*

- 1.4 The use of the term 'equal value' was not accurate based on the approach the VRU has in place; which was overseen when the paper was written and signed off in April 2023.

### 2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1 Across the various tranches of Your Choice, there has never been a period when all Local Authorities were receiving equal funding and the Local Authorities have been 'tiered' based on need. During the pilot phase there were 15 Tier 1 LAs and 17 Tier 2 LAs.
- 2.2 Based on the funding needed in the pilot phase, and in conversations with Local Authorities, the VRU calculated that during the transitional phase Tier 1 Local Authorities needed to receive £35,555.56 and Tier 2 Local Authorities needed to receive £17,777.00 in order continue delivery.

2.3 The tiering system has not been disputed by Local Authorities, and at no point were Local Authorities told that they would receive equal funding during the transitional period.

### **3. Financial Comments**

3.1 Decision PCD 1407 approved up to £1,000,000 of carry forwards for the Your Choice transitional funding to support the Your Choice programme across 31 local authority direct grants (barring Enfield) and London Councils.

3.2 The grant variations total £873,445 and are therefore within the original approved allocation.

### **4. Legal Comments**

4.1 Paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) has delegated authority to approve all bids for grant funding.

4.2 Legal advice has not been sought and there should be no significant legal implications arising from this report.

### **5. Commercial Issues**

5.1 Local Authorities have provided a detailed pricing schedule and will be delivering the service based on the same rates provided at the pilot phase.

5.2 The commercial comments in PCD 1407 references a tiered approach, this is consistent with the recommendations in this decision paper.

### **6. Public Health Approach**

6.1 Consistent with PCD 1407.

### **7. GDPR and Data Privacy**

7.1 Consistent with PCD 1407.

### **8. Equality Comments**

8.1 Consistent with PCD 1407.

8.2 Across the various tranches of Your Choice, there has never been a period when all Local Authorities were receiving equal funding and the Local Authorities have been 'tiered' based on need. During the pilot phase there were 15 Tier 1 LAs and 17 Tier 2 LAs.

**Public access to information**

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision, it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

**Part 1 Deferral:**

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? No

**Part 2 Confidentiality:** Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a **Part 2** form – No

<b>ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION</b>	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
<b>Financial Advice:</b> The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	(✓)
<b>Legal Advice:</b> Legal advice is not required.	(✓)
<b>Equalities Advice:</b> Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	(✓)
<b>Public Health Approach</b> Due diligence has been given to determine whether the programme sits within the Violence Reduction Unit's public approach to reducing violence. This has been reviewed and supported by a senior manager within the VRU.	(✓)
<b>Commercial Issues</b> The Contract Management Team has been consulted on the commercial issues within this report. The proposal is in keeping with the GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy.	(✓)
<b>GDPR/Data Privacy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report.</li> <li>• A DPIA is not required.</li> </ul>	(✓)
<b>Drafting Officer</b> has drafted this report in accordance with MOPAC procedures.	(✓)
<b>Director/Head of Service:</b> The Director has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	(✓)

**Chief Executive Officer**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

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**Signature**

**Date 01/11/2023**