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Planning

GMCA1401 Greater Manchester Rehabilitation Service

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

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Scope

Reference

DN804773

Description

We anticipate this service will be delivered through a prime commissioner model. It is anticipated that the prime will sub-commission services from a diverse, skilled supply chain connected to our local communities in order to deliver a sequenced comprehensive support package.

The GM Rehabilitation Services will be part of the wider Whole System Approach to Diversion which aims to support people in contact with the justice system to be able to comply with any requirements, move away from an offending life style and successfully exit the system.

GMCA is commissioning this service to support males and females aged 18 and over in prison and in the community to:

- Deliver a support service to address the needs of those Service Users who will be on the probation caseload in Greater Manchester or based within Greater Manchester Prison establishments. Additionally, it will also support women who are at risk of entering the justice system and support may continue beyond contact with the probation service.
- Achieve and maintain sustainable outcomes in relation to unmet need including housing, employment, financial management and wellbeing.
- Build supportive relationships and social networks. This might include family relationships, friends, community groups and peer communities.
- Connect to a range of community-based activities and resources that matter to Service Users. This will include employment, education, volunteering, or constructive leisure activities.
- Support towards recovery from drug or alcohol use (non-clinical interventions) and gambling where relevant.

The Lead Provider shall act as a single point of assessment that offers a comprehensive needs-led service that provides the right support offer, at the right time to address a wide range of interdependent unmet rehabilitative needs; and helps the Service User build the self-belief, hope, skills and abilities to sustain these in the long-term.

The service will support those in prison, from the point of reception onwards, to help them make a successful transition to the community and will support those in the community to live lives free from crime, addictive behaviour and reduce harm.

This will include a 'Community Links' support service that will use strengths-based and local community-focused delivery models to support social integration. It will offer practical and emotional support that will help Service Users to build and sustain relationships and/or new lifestyles in the community that provide hope and meaningful alternatives to criminal activity, drug and alcohol use, gambling and other addictive behaviour.

In addition, specific sequenced support for Housing, Adult Skills and Employment Support, Finance, Benefit and Debt (FBD) and other unmet need will be provided by experts.

The service should offer agile peer support from people who have experience of being in the criminal justice system and / or addictive behaviours.

These aspects will be detailed further throughout the Specification / Contract Schedule and in related procurement documents.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2027 to 31 March 2032
- Possible extension to 31 March 2035
- 7 years, 6 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75231200 - Services related to the detention or rehabilitation of criminals
- 75231240 - Probation services
- 80400000 - Adult and other education services
- 85320000 - Social services

Contract locations

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

Engagement

Engagement deadline

23 February 2026

Engagement process description

The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) is undertaking an in person Networking and Consultation Event on Monday 23rd February 2026 in relation to the procurement of GMCA1401 - Greater Manchester Rehabilitation Services. Further details on this opportunity, including how to register for the in-person event, are set out below.

Following the online Market Engagement event held on 4th February 2026, GMCA are inviting interested providers to a networking and consultation event to help shape and consult on a new model for future delivery of the Greater Manchester Rehabilitation Services.

This consultation event is intended to be interactive, providing space for providers to collaborate, network and contribute to the design of the service. We would like providers to come and share their experiences on what will work to effectively through the delivery of integrated, sequenced support for people on probation.

Please note that due to venue capacity, bookings are limited to 2 places per organisation.

For further details and information on how to register, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FYQP>

Submission

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