

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME  
RECORD OF DECISION**



**TO BE UPLOADED TO THE INTERNET BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**

<b>Date:</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<b>Ref No:</b> LR094
<b>Responsible Officer:</b> Tom Houghton, Community Safety Manager, Corporate Core Services	
<b>Type of Decision (please refer to MO Guidance):</b>	
<b>Key</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Non-Key</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Freedom of Information Status:</b> <i>(can the report go in the public domain)</i> Can go in the public domain	
<b>Title/Subject matter:</b> To request permission to vary the current contract with the Safenet, who supply the IDVA service, to incorporate a medium-risk IDVA triage process.	
<b>Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:</b>	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	no
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	no
(iv) Is the decision significant and/or does it meet the £100,000 threshold for recording?	No
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b> [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? <b>If yes</b> – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]	No

## **Summary:**

### Purpose

To request permission to vary the current contract with the Safenet, who supply the IDVA service, to incorporate a medium-risk IDVA triage process.

### Background

A 2021 Independent Review of Domestic Abuse Services in Bury identified a potential risk in Bury around medium-risk victims of Domestic Abuse. We had previously identified this gap ourselves and had implemented a pilot to 'triage' some of these medium-risk cases and signpost to appropriate support. The Review reinforced this view and expanded the scope of risk to beyond our pilot.

Simultaneously, GMCA had identified this gap in service as existing across Greater Manchester. They proposed funding medium-risk IDVA services for two years in each borough in Greater Manchester – offering £70,265 over two years for this service. They have not been prescriptive in how it is implemented.

Bury's currently contracts a high-risk IDVA service and a medium-risk Floating Support service to Safenet. Both contracts expire in October 2022.

### Proposal

We would like to extend the remit of the current high-risk IDVA contract to incorporate the medium-risk IDVA, using the grant supplied by GMCA to fund this work. Specifically, the contract will be amended to include the following responsibilities for its remaining time:

The commissioned service will triage and develop a risk management and support plan for every medium-risk case that is not contacted by the GM-commissioned service, which includes those who have not consented for their data to be sent and those who the commissioned service could not reach.

The commissioned service will make referrals to partners identified within the support plan with coordination of delivery by the Domestic Abuse Coordinator with case work passed to partners Neighbourhood Teams when appropriate to do so.

Key deliverables will be:

- Share information to increase the safety, health and wellbeing of victims and their children
- Determine the risk posed by the perpetrator to an individual, their family and the wider community
- Implement an integrated risk management plan
- Reduce repeat victimisation
- Improve agency accountability
- Build integrated pathways
- Implement multi-agency solutions

- Improved support for staff involved in medium risk domestic abuse case

We will update the performance management section to include reporting back on outcomes associated with this work.

The above will apply for the remainder of their contract.

**Wards affected:** All

**Consultations:**

Community Safety Partnership were consulted and agreed this approach.

Domestic Abuse Strategic Group were consulted and agreed this approach

**Scrutiny & Review Committee Interest:**

**Options considered:**


To embed the service within the floating support service – This work is closer in nature to the work that the IDVA do.

To tender this work separately – To introduce the possibility of another supplier would be to the detriment of this work and add potential risk for victims. The current IDVA service dovetails well with this work and it will provide a seamless flow of information between the IDVA service and the medium-risk floating support service.

To recruit a post within the Local Authority – For reasons similar to the above, we feel it would be to the detriment of the victim if this service were supplied by anyone other than IDVA Provider.

**Decision** *[with reasons]*

To agree the proposal to vary the contract with Safenet to include the proposed work.

<b>Decision made by:</b>	<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
Director or Chief/Senior Officer		03.08.21
<b>Members Consulted [see note 1 below]</b>		
Cabinet Member		

Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

**Notes**

1. Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
2. **This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**
3. Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.