

OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME RECORD OF DECISION

Date:	24/9/26	Ref No:	PH040
Responsible Officer: Jon Hobday – Director of Public Health			
Title/Subject matter: Individual Placement Support – S31 grant funding for local drug and alcohol treatment service			
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:			
(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		
Is publication still required? (see guidance)	Yes		
Is there any implications with 3 rd party spend?	No If yes, please contact procurement via CorporateProcurement@bury.gov.uk		
Is there any IT implications i.e. Additional hardware, new software, changes to systems	No If yes, please contact IT via servdesk@bury.gov.uk		
Item for Decision:			
<p>To approve the continuation of the Individual Placement and Support (IPS) Programme through the allocation of OHID Section 31 (S31) ring fenced grant funding to Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (GMMH) for delivery during the grant period.</p> <p>The IPS programme provides intensive employment support for people engaged in structured drug and alcohol treatment who are unemployed or at risk of unemployment. The programme is managed by the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) and funded through the OHID S31 drug and alcohol ring fenced grant. Funding is paid to Bury Council as the lead authority on behalf of both Bury and Trafford Councils.</p>			

Bury Council will continue to act as the lead local authority within a consortium arrangement with Trafford Council, with both authorities utilising Achieve as their local adult drug and alcohol treatment provider.

Approval is sought to continue the established delivery model, which has been in place for the previous two years, whereby S31 grant funding is allocated to GMMH, who in turn fund Intuitive Thinking Skills (ITS) to deliver the IPS programme through the recruitment and employment of dedicated Employment Specialists. This approach builds on existing local provider arrangements and established treatment and recovery pathways operating across both local authority areas.

This decision reflects the continuation of a successful and established programme. GMMH is commissioned to provide local adult drug and alcohol treatment services through Achieve Bury and has existing arrangements with Intuitive Thinking Skills to deliver recovery support services. Both organisations have strong local partnerships, established referral pathways and a proven track record of supporting residents affected by substance misuse.

The IPS model has operated successfully in Bury and Trafford over the last two years and continues to be delivered across Salford, where funding is similarly routed through GMMH to Intuitive Thinking Skills. Continuing with the existing model will ensure continuity of provision, avoid mobilisation costs and delays, maintain service stability, preserve established referral pathways and maximise the impact of the grant funding through experienced providers already embedded within local treatment and recovery systems.

Bury, Trafford and Salford will continue to work collaboratively through joint quarterly steering groups to monitor performance, share learning and support ongoing service development across the IPS programme.

The continuation of the current delivery model represents the most effective and efficient means of delivering the objectives of the OHID ring fenced grant funded IPS programme across Bury and Trafford.

Approval to recruit to newly created vacancies
NB: Chief Officer graded roles require AD HR and AD Finance approval

Not Applicable

Decision made by:

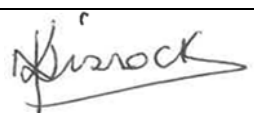
Signature:

Date:

Executive Director:



1 October 2026

Lead Member (for noting)		22 October 2026
Advised by HR Business Partner	NA	
Advised by Finance Business Partner	NA	
Chief Officer graded roles: Assistant Director of HR	NA	
Chief Officer graded roles: Advised by Assistant Director Finance / Chief Accountant		14/10/2026
Member Consulted (only if applicable) [see note 4 below]		

Notes

1. In most cases a single signature is required in accordance with the Table below.
2. The form must be published if expenditure is over £100K. However, this must be after all the required contract documentation has been completed. This is to avoid publishing exempt confidential information.
3. A report to Cabinet must be made if expenditure is over £500K.
4. In a small number of cases in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, consultation is required from the appropriate Cabinet Member who must sign the form to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. Please refer to the Guidance.
5. This form must not be used for urgent decisions.
6. Where there is any doubt officers should always err on side of caution and seek advice from Democratic Services, the Monitoring Officer or Corporate Procurement where applicable.

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL TABLE

Approval Limit	Approval By
Over £500,000	Cabinet
Over £250,000 to £500,000	Chief Executive
Over £100,000 to £250,000	Executive Director

Over £50,000 to £100,000	Director/Assistant Director
Over £10,000 to £50,000	Head of Service
Up to £10,000	Service Lead

For Chief Officer Graded Roles:

Assistant Director HR Approval
Assistant Director Finance / Chief Accountant Approval