

DMPC Decision – PCD 1794

Title: GPS Tagging Lead Practitioner Funding

Executive Summary:

This decision seeks agreement to provide funding to His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) for the post of a GPS Lead Practitioner to work as part of the MOPAC project team leading the implementation of the GPS tagging programme.

The GPS Lead Practitioner plays an important role in linking the management of the GPS programme with case advice to practitioners, quality assurance of the programme and data collection to support contract management and evaluation. This post has been filled via a joint recruitment process with HMPPS.

This funding will be up to £45,000 for the period July 2024 to June 2025 and will be provided via grant agreement.

Recommendation:

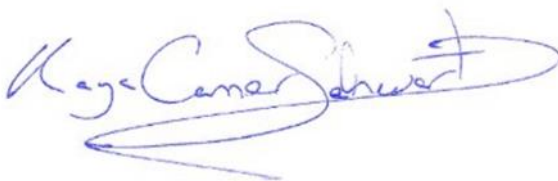
The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to:

1. Approve the funding of up to £45,000 for the post of GPS Lead Practitioner.
2. Approve the grant funding of this post to HMPPS for up to 12 months until June 2025

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 10/02/2025

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

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. MOPAC has been testing GPS tagging as a part of its response to reoffending and violence since 2016 and since 2019 has been piloting this with prisoners being released back to London from prison. This programme, which currently includes both knife crime and stalking offences, is based on an established partnership between MOPAC, London Probation, London Prisons and the Metropolitan Police Service. To date over 2,300 people have been tagged on licence.
- 1.2. In the delivery and evaluation of this programme, it is the operational partnership with London Probation that is most important in terms of identifying potentially eligible cases, guiding practitioners on how to make referrals and ensuring that cases are managed in the correct way and that accurate records are kept.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. To support the operation of the GPS tagging programme, the GPS Lead Practitioner plays an important role in linking the policy, contract management and evaluation aspects of the project with the day to day interaction with Probation Practitioners. This role delivers training and briefings to practitioners, case consultations and is crucial in assuring the quality of referrals and case management and collecting the data used to monitor performance and for evaluation.
- 2.2. This role requires a Probation Practitioner to be embedded within the MOPAC Criminal Justice team. This decision seeks agreement to fund this role via grant agreement with HMPPS between July 2024 and June 2025.

3. Financial Comments

- 3.1. The total cost of this role between July 2024 and June 2025 will be up to £45,000. This will be funded from the GPS tagging budget line.
- 3.2. The spending across financial years will be:

Financial year	2024-25	2025-26	Total
Funding	£32,000	13,000	45,000

4. Legal Comments

- 4.1. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 at sections 17(1) (a) to (c) places MOPAC under a duty to exercise its functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all it can to prevent, crime and disorder (including anti-social and other behaviour adversely affecting the local environment), reoffending in its area, and the misuse of drugs, alcohol and other substances in its area. These proposed funding arrangements are consistent with MOPAC's duties in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
- 4.2. Section 143 (1) of the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 provides an express power for MOPAC, as a local policing body, to provide or arrange for the provision of (a) services that in the opinion of the local policing body will secure, or contribute to securing, crime and disorder reduction in the body's area and (b) services "intended by the local policing body to help victims or witnesses of, or other persons affected by, offences and anti-social behaviour." The work of the GPS Lead Practitioner post directly contributes to crime reduction in line with these powers.
- 4.3. Paragraph 4.8 of the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation and Consent provides that the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime (DMPC) has authority to approve offers made for grant funding.

5. Commercial Issues

- 5.1. Officers have ensured Financial Regulations and Contract Regulations are complied with.
- 5.2. HMPPS are the only agency with statutory responsibility for the delivery of probation in London and hence are the only agency with which this partnership arrangement and grant agreement can be entered into.
- 5.3. The funding of this role will be carried out via grant agreement following standard MOPAC procedures for sign off.

6. Public Health Approach

- 6.1. The GPS programme has the support of the Violence Reduction Unit as it seeks to test whether GPS can improve the management of the risk posed by prisoners being released following a conviction for knife related or stalking offences. Thus far in the pilot, GPS has been used not only to increase deterrence, enforcement and restrictive conditions to protect known victims and the public, but also to support engagement with relevant services and to specifically challenge individuals to change their lifestyle to move away from behaviour associated with increased risk of violence.

7. GDPR and Data Privacy

- 7.1. For the purposes of the GPS programme, MOPAC are a joint data controller with HMPPS.
- 7.2. MOPAC is a joint controller for the purposes of delivering an evaluation of the programme. The evaluation will require access to personally identifiable information (PII). Data will include standard PII covered under Article 6, special category data covered under Article 9 and criminal conviction and/or offence data under Article 10.
- 7.3. A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) has been produced to identify and minimise risks to data subjects. This document includes specific reference to the role played by the GPS Lead Practitioner to support proper data processing.

8. Equality Comments

- 8.1. MOPAC is required to comply with the public sector equality duty set out in section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.2. The GPS Lead Practitioner role is very important in the collection and monitoring of demographic and outcome data for the GPS programme to ensure that this data is of a high quality and provides the right basis for the analysis of the inclusion of protected characteristics.
- 8.3. There are no specific equality implications from the extension of this role.

9. Background/supporting papers

None

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

If yes, for what reason: n/a

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

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
Financial Advice: The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	
Legal Advice: Legal advice is not required.	✓
Equalities Advice: Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
Public Health Approach 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.	✓
Commercial Issues 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.	✓
GDPR/Data Privacy • GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report. • A DPIA has been completed.	✓
Drafting Officer Tom Dodsworth has drafted this report in accordance with MOPAC procedures.	✓
Director/Head of Service: The Head of Service 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.

Signature

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Date 06/02/2025