



Are you involved in the delivery of services to victims of crime?

Do you support prisoners, prison leavers, people on probation?

Are the families of victims or perpetrators a group you support?

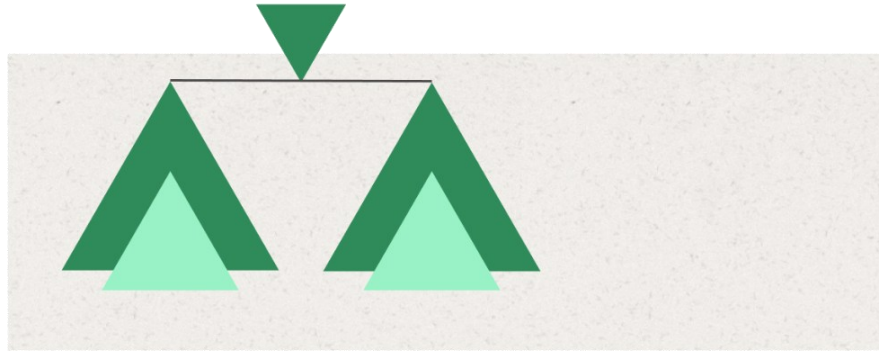
Do you support those in or on the edge of the criminal justice system?

If you answered **YES** to any of these questions then you should join the brand new **Greater Manchester Victims and Justice Group**, part of the GM VCFSE Leadership Group.

The **Greater Manchester Victims and Justice Group** has been set up by the Chief Executives' of **We Are Survivors** (supporting boys and men affected by sexual harms) and **The Pankhurst Trust/MWA** (supporting Women and Girls to be free from abuse) with the aim ensuring the Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise sector is appropriately and fairly represented within the structures related to victims, witnesses and offenders.

We believe that representation is key to system change within the judicial sphere and the VCFSE is key to shaping and supporting the criminal justice systems' work on victims, witnesses and offenders. We aim to identify opportunities for VCFSE organisations to grow; to find ways of working together; to share information and intelligence; to increase individual and systems provision; to teach and learn from the system; to secure new funding and influence wider commissioning; and to create a greater system in Greater Manchester.

This workstream will be focused on action; focused on creating opportunities and focused on ensuring that we do everything within our collective power to make the system better for victims, for their families, and for anyone who comes into contact with the system.



Upcoming Points of Interest for Victims & Justice Group Members:



SCRUTINY:

We will undertake scrutiny of the key GM strategies and polices focusing on victims and justice, ensuring VCFSE providers included in the provision of meeting the targets and their voices are heard in and voices are :

- Gender Based Violence Strategy ([click here](#))
- Police & Crime Plan ([click here](#))
- Hate Crime Plan ([click here](#))
- Drug & Alcohol Strategy ([click here](#))
- GM Fire Plan ([click here](#))
- GM Violence Reduction Strategy ([click here](#))



CONFERENCE 2025:

The working group will deliver a conference at the start of the new calendar year that will bring members together; set the focus of the work stream for 2025-26; and identify members as representatives.



VICTIMS & PRISONERS ACT 2024:

We will work with Ministry of Justice in the mobilisation of the Victims and Prisoners Act, and support the local delivery of the act.



FUNDING:

We will support commissioners to better identify commissioning opportunities with and for providers; promote the identification of new monies and funds across and within Greater Manchester; and bringing new funds into the 10 local authority areas from national grants.

Please contact ceo@wearesurvivors.org.uk with your name, role, group or organisation name, tel and email and you're details will be added so you can start getting the information and accessing the opportunities

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