

MOPAC MPS OVERSIGHT BOARD

Note of Meeting 21 September 2021

Present

MOPAC

Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime
Diana Luchford, Chief Executive
Kenny Bowie, Director of Strategy and MPS Oversight
Amana Humayun, Chief Finance Officer
Claire Waxman, Victims' Commissioner for London (item 5)

MPS

Dame Cressida Dick, Commissioner
Sir Stephen House, Deputy Commissioner
Robin Wilkinson, Chief of Corporate Services
Roisha Hughes, Director of Strategy and Governance
Chief Superintendent Roy Smith (item 3)
Assistant Commissioner Louisa Rolfe (item 5)

1. Minutes and Actions

1.1. The minutes of the 25 June 2021 Oversight Board meeting were agreed.

2. 2021/22 Quarter 1 Oversight

2.1. The Board discussed the 2021-22 Quarter 1 MOPAC Performance Update Report and MPS Business Plan Progress Report. The key issues focused on were:

- The increase in recorded sexual offences. It was noted that young Black women were most likely to be victims of a sexual offence and that this was an increase on previous quarters. It was agreed that research was needed to get a better understanding of the issue in order for this to be tackled.
- The continued decrease in the percentage of Londoners who feel the police were doing a good job in their local area. There was a discussion of what could be learnt from the BCUs which were scoring above the average for London in this measurement.

- The rate of sanction detections. The Board was informed of the steps the MPS was taking to address this.
 - How the MPS had continued to deliver the majority of its business plan in light of the challenges of Covid 19.
- 2.2. There was a discussion of the financial outturn for Quarter 1, which focussed on recruitment, overtime and reserves.

3. MPS Progress on Agreed Priorities from the Mayor's Action Plan and Overview of the Deputy Commissioner's Delivery Group Activity Programme

- 3.1. The MPS provided an update on progress with delivering on agreed priorities from the Mayor's Action Plan (MAP) to improve trust and confidence in the MPS. An overview was also provided of the Deputy Commissioner's Delivery Group activity programme.
- 3.2. There was a discussion of:
- Capturing data on the use of handcuffing during a stop and search.
 - The implementation of the recommendations arising from the MPS's review of the use of handcuffing pre-arrest, with a particular discussion about work done with the Violent Crime Task Force.

4. Risk and Assurance

- 4.1. The MPS provided a paper detailing one of the MPS's significant corporate risks – People.
- 4.2. The Board noted the reasons for the 'limited' progress reported to the MPS's Risk and Assurance Board on 7 September which related to the level of diversity in the recruitment pipeline.
- 4.3. The activity in progress to implement the key controls that were required to manage the risk and enable the target position to be achieved were noted.

5. Victim Care

- 5.1. The MPS provided a paper to the Board outlining the progress made by the Victim Care Team. Developments included:
- The development of a Victims' Code of Practice (VCOP) performance dashboard to help monitor compliance with VCOP.
 - The establishment of a Victim Care Improvement Forum with the aim of allowing members to provide critique to proposed changes and projects the MPS is working on.
 - The roll-out of the Victim Information Leaflet, setting out victims' key rights under VCOP and signposting support agencies.
 - The development of a High Harm Survey to capture the experience for victims impacted by some of the most serious and harmful crimes.

- Guidance for officers pursuing evidence based investigations, when the victim has withdrawn.
 - The communications strategy.
 - The delivery of Victims' Right to Review (VRR) training to all BCU SPOCs and the rolling out of training to all student officers.
 - The piloting of a Victim Needs Assessment, with the aim of identifying early in an investigation the support the victim requires.
- 5.2. The Board was updated on the use by victims of the Victims' Right to Review Scheme.
- 5.3. There was a discussion of:
- The roll-out of the Victim Information Leaflet, the percentage of victims receiving the leaflet, and the impact receipt of the leaflet has on victim satisfaction.
 - The inclusion of victims of domestic abuse in the High Harm Survey.
 - The good work of the MPS's Stalking Threat Assessment Centre (STAC) and the importance for its expertise to be disseminated across the MPS.
 - The impact delays with the Crown Prosecution Service was having on the victims of domestic abuse.
- 5.4. The Board noted:
- The progress on the MPS Victim Care Team and the actions being progressed.
 - The MPS's position on compliance with the revised Victims' Code of Practice.
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