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OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME**Susan Hall**

Chairman of the Budget and Performance Committee
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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter of 6 October regarding the request for examples of collaboration between the emergency services and the savings that have been delivered. This letter illustrates the work in this field by the VRU in conjunction with the NHS and also from the MPS working with both the NHS and the London Fire Brigade (LFB). As you will be aware, the main aim of collaborative working is building up strategic partnerships and pooling knowledge and best practice rather than making savings and this response reflects that. MOPAC continues to play a key role in the joint working taking place via the GLA Group Collaboration Board.

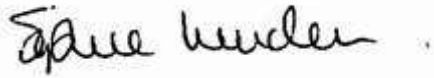
The VRU approach to violence reduction means taking a long-term public health approach to violence reduction. This involves working closely with Community Safety Partnerships across London to encourage collaboration between the police and other partners to reduce violence. This work is supported by 32 local violence reduction action plans that the VRU co-ordinates in order to ensure efficiencies between local partners, creating greater collaboration and sharing of good practice across London.

Examples of effective practice supporting emergency services includes, the development of joint analytical profiles by the police and local authorities to understand the violence picture in local areas. This takes into account ambulance data and can be used by all local partners. The action plans also ensure joint tasking of police and local authority resources to tackle violence, including targeting areas identified at risk and co-ordinating this with local CCTV. The plans also include joint risk management panels and safeguarding hubs, so that the risk and mitigating factors for those involved in or at risk of violence are shared and a single plan of action implemented, thereby avoiding duplication of effort and resource.

The MPS, in joint collaboration with the NHS, are working on a solution to the ever increasing number of mental health incidents both organisations face and the increasing use of mental health sectioning powers. Together, their aim for 2021/22 is to improve experiences for those undergoing a mental health crisis across London by identifying and exploring the appropriate care pathways available for them at the earliest possible stage.

The MPS work collaboratively with the LFB who have commenced the fit out of the space that will be made available for DWO teams to parade from Purley Fire Station. This will bring operational efficiency and enable the DWOs to access their wards within the 20 minute journey time, however, there are no cashable savings associated with this collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sophie Linden". The signature is written in a cursive style and is enclosed in a light grey rectangular box.

Sophie Linden

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime