

# LONDON DRUGS FORUM

## MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

10:30am – 12:30pm

CH-G-1E

City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London E16 1ZE

**Chairs:** Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; Dr Tom Coffey OBE, Mayor's Senior Health Advisor

**Attended:** Farrah Hart (GLA Group Public Health);  
Kenny Bowie (MOPAC);  
Kate Lloyd (MOPAC);  
DAC Matthew Ward (MPS);  
DCS Ella Marriott (MPS);  
DCI Sean Lyons (MPS);  
DS Adam Ghaboos (MPS);  
Alison Keating (OHID);  
Prof Kevin Fenton (OHID);  
Dr Caroline Copeland (NPSAD);  
Dr Emily Finch (SLAM);  
Rachael Millar (Joint Combating Drugs Unit);  
Jess Mullens (Collective Voice);  
Dan Greaves (LB Waltham Forest);  
Kilvinder Vigurs (HMPPS);  
Sharon Whitmore (HMPPS);  
Rangan Momen (London Councils);  
Martin White (NHS England);  
Debbie Chown (MPS/MOPAC);  
Emma Burke (OHID);  
DCI Ben Massink (MPS);  
Ruth Hutt (LB Lambeth);  
Fiona Taylor (LB Barking & Dagenham);  
Sharon Whittington (RB Greenwich);  
Arnold Yousef (VRU);  
Rukiya Gadid (MOPAC);  
Connie Stygall (MOPAC);  
Karen Thomas (MOPAC);  
Will Haydock (Joint Combating Drugs Unit)

**Apologies:** Cmdr Paul Brogden (MPS);  
Althea Loderick (LB Southwark);  
Karina Wane-Henry (VRU);  
Sinead Dervin (NHS England);  
Tim Sampey (Build on Belief)

### **Welcome and Actions**

Co-chairs welcomed partners, noted apologies and reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.

### **MPS Drugs Strategy**

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) provided a top-level update on the plans for their Drugs Strategy, which utilises the 4Ps approach to policing – pursue, prevent, prepare and protect. They also provided an update on plans for the London-wide rollout of Project ADDER.

### **Reducing Drug Related Deaths**

Dr Caroline Copeland presented to members on the work of the National Programme for Substance Abuse Deaths (NPSAD) and discussed the need for greater access to coroners' data

to support partners understanding of drug deaths. Dr Copeland also demonstrated the level of information NPSAD could provide boroughs and partners with to better understand drug use and identify how best to target prevention and intervention measures.

The Joint Combating Drug Unit also provided an update on common themes and challenges emerging from London's Combating Drugs Partnerships.

### **Naloxone**

The MPS summarised their position on naloxone and commitment to review this again in 12-18 months. Partners including GLA Group Public Health Unit presented their position on naloxone provision.

### **AOB**

Co-chairs confirmed that chemsex, VAWG and substance misuse, and homelessness and substance misuse would be included on the July agenda.