VRU Q4 2023-24 Quarterly Performance – Summary Update

Overall Performance in Q4:

Monitoring data indicates positive performance:

- Reach 57,234 Londoners in Q4
- 34 live programmes
- 9 of 10 programmes with live KPI data rag rated green (KPIs 'met' or 'on track')

One programme (Your Choice) was rag rated 'red' as it had failed to meet the KPI and had a large variance in financial spend. This was due to difficulties in programme recruitment; mitigations have been taken to improve recruitment with positive results. The Youth Endowment Fund has adjusted recruitment targets and the focus is now on minimising service use attrition.

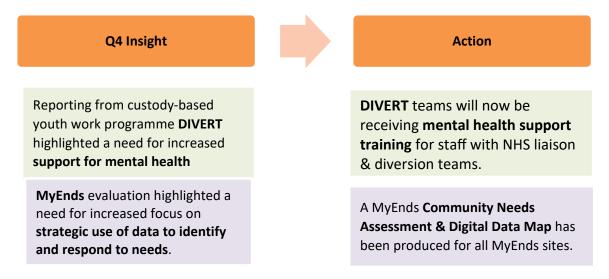
High-Level Trends – Violence:

Comparing 2023 to 2019¹ at a London level there has been:

- 28 per cent reduction in homicides,
- 19 per cent fall in knife crime with injury for those aged under-25,
- 15 per cent reduction in robbery.

Programme learning and continuous improvement:

Deep dives on custody-based youth work interventions and our community-led MyEnds programme provided information on key successes and learning points for continuous performance improvement.



¹ Data fom MPS. 2019 is best year for comparison as was pre-pandemic. <u>Borough Stats | Tableau Public</u>

Background Note: Approach to VRU Quarterly Performance Reporting

Violence Trends

High-level trends in violent crime and public health metrics are reported on at the VRU's Partnership Reference Group (PRG). This includes data on knife crime, domestic abuse and perceptions of crime and safety. This also includes the three long-term Home Office outcomes:

- Reduction in hospital admissions for assaults with knife or sharp object
- Reduction in (police recorded) knife enabled serious violence
- Reduction in all non-domestic homicides

VRU Outcomes Framework

The VRU Outcomes Focused Performance Framework groups our programmes under five priority areas, each with a long-term outcome which reflects the public health approach to violence reduction:

- Children and young people Reducing harm and exploitation (9 live programmes)
- Children and young people Increased Positive Opportunities (7 live programmes)
- Families Increasing strong and resilient families (6 programmes)
- Education Improved healthy relationships and engagement in education (3 live programmes)
- Communities and Place Increased capacity in community organisations (9 programmes)

Process

- Link to London Level VRU outcomes Each programme is delivering against specific, measurable, short and medium-term outcomes from the framework, with improved outcomes for children and young people being our core focus. The relationship between these and the longer-term outcomes for each priority area and London level outcomes as a whole is demonstrated in the logic model included in Appendix 1. .
- On a quarterly basis we assess contribution towards these London Level outcomes via using our logic model approach for each priority area by providing details of:
 - Outputs including reach, activities, demographics and borough of delivery
 - Financial Performance progress against spend and variance against budget.
 We are examining the relationship of spend to outcome.
 - Delivery Performance (KPI)— quarterly indicators bespoke to each programme which are designed to capture the quality of provision and are measured against specific targets, allowing high level oversight.
- Progress against outcomes (individual and organisational):

- Outcomes are measured through both monitoring and evaluation.
 Programme specific monitoring frameworks will provide quarterly updates on outcomes where appropriate for ex. Divert and Engage will report on rearrest rate on a quarterly basis.
- Evaluation will provide a robust impact assessment in the case of Divert the evaluation will consider offending rates for the cohort receiving the intervention against a control group.
- Evaluations are published on our 'Evidence Hub' which group interventions by priority area.

• Data driven performance management and continuous quality improvement:

- Deep dive pages in reporting showcase how we are continuously using monitoring & evaluation learning with our delivery partners to (i) identify and scale good practice, and (ii) identify challenges/ issues and provide support.
- **Measuring Impact:** The combination of the above, and the tracking of high-level outcome indicators using police and public health administrative data described below provides a holistic demonstration of VRU performance and impact.

Appendix 1:

VRU – Whole Unit Logic Model

Programme Delivery

sustainable reductions in

Commissioning evidence

based interventions and

learning from evaluations

enables systemic improvement

violence.

to delivery.

Rationale: (Shorter-Term) (Long-Term) London level Inputs **Activities Outputs** The VRU was established in **Outcomes** Outcomes outcomes 2019 in response to increased **Programmatic activities** levels of violence between Intensive 1:1 support 2014-19. **** Reduction in harmful behaviour Rising lack of trust in the Reduced vulnerability to harm & Funding £XX Home Office Children & Young People: Reducing Harm & exploitation Interventions working with children and young people who are at a greate criminal justice system and an Reduction in harm exploitation Youth workers/ **£XX Mayoral Funding** of harm or exploitation. Violence is increasing fear of violence can Reduction in violent victimisation and exploitation Provision of intensive support for young people at transition points of 'tea moments and ensure access to intensive support. Interventions which build awareness of harm and prevention across youth. statutory professionals receive training and guidance Improved knowledge of risks of harn make stakeholder stabilised & Organisational engagement challenging and relating to violence Improved practice to prevent harm reduced health and statutory professionals. Work to improve organisational practice in community safety to support reduce effectiveness of Multi-disciplinary team • Expertise in education, interventions. professionals to identify risks and provide tailored/innovative approache community Broad universal Individual Violence in London is not engagement with children and young engagement · Improved wellbeing evenly distributed. It is often commissioning, youth · Improved engagement Children & Young People: Increasing Positive Opportunities people across hyper-localised, work, local Increased positive Expanding access to positive opportunities and providing development and support through training, apprenticeships, and employment. · Improved (organisational) London government, disproportionately affecting opportunities engagement with young people community safety, Interventions providing positive diversion atiskgtimes (after school, Accessible certain groups, communities Improved sociemotional learning gender, families, Public Interventions promoting positive development through sport. Access to support for young people to develop essential skills both practical employment& educational · Improved employment opportunities and locales Health Secondees from key Organisational VRU acts as a convenor across Improved practice to support areas: Police, housing. Improve organisational practice to increase engagement of CYP in positive activities. London - violence reduction vulnerable young people Youth Voice built requires a collaborative, multiinto decisiomaking agency approach across teams Increasing strong processes Young People's Action Individual and communities. Families: Developing strong & resilient families • Interventions which take a 'whole family approach' to support parents and and resilient Improved family relationships Children & People are experts in their own embedded in VRU team Parents & carers are · Reduced family harm strong family relationships. families lives, the VRU will co-design Interventions supporting improvements to organisational practice to provid support to the whole family. engaged in a broad range of support activities Organisational young people activities with communities Increased awareness of family harm feel safer Research Monitoring Creating networks for parents to share supperantning and provide and young people. Evaluation & Learning feedback into policy. Evidence & analysis of Individual Schools/ colleges what works and universities Improved engagement with Educational settings: Promoting healthy relationships and engagement in Strategic assessment of Assumptions engaging in violent reducing activities education Improved healthy Improved wellbeing at school Violence is best prevented Performance analysis Interventions improving young people's experience of and engagement w relationships and Improved feelings of safety educational settings. through a public health Intensive support for engagement in Interventions focused on improving inclusivity and adaptability to the nee Organisational approach children at risk of Improved practice to prevent and Awareness raising among teaching professional of signs of abuse/unheal relationships/exploitation. education exclusion Working with groups and reduce harm in school communities exposed to Improved inclusive practice Community Engagement & co-design built into violence risk factors and · Improved understanding of different Stakeholders • Partnership Reference Communities & Place Interventions which take a 'hytæsal' approach including intensive support to specific areas affected by high and sustained levels of violence. Interventions supporting areas to build inclusive and con strengthening protective strategy developmen factors will have a longterm group Statutory partnerships-Community impact on violence reduction. Place based focused. · Increased inclusive decision making* Increased capacity in NHS Local Authorities violence reduction interventions & Bringing together community Police, Public Health Interventions focused on empowering & embedding capacity for co drive localised, sustainable responses to violence reduction. · Improved perceptions of community localladriven community partnership voices and public bodies, LA Community Safety violence reduction safety organisations* approach to taking a transparent approach strategies Improved community cohesion Grassroots & to information sharing and Organisational: Cross-Cutting Work Fyidence Hublong-term Community Leaders Improved capacity in community joined-up working will lead to research & evaluation

Systems & sector: Working in partnership to deliver better services and improved outcomes for those affected by violence

Building evidence base on needs, risks and/ov/ka/to reduce violence

Specific Girls & Young Women strategy & interventions implementing a ge

Leadership on youth voice in decision making
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Identifying and promoting innovative approaches to violence reduction

of what works shared with partners

Youth Voice best

Broad stakeholder

practice model

networks

Innovative approaches to violence

Evidencebased commissioning

Community CoDesign embedded

embedded across London

reduction implemented more widely

violence

solutions

Improved systems

level responses to

violence reduction