

## 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.

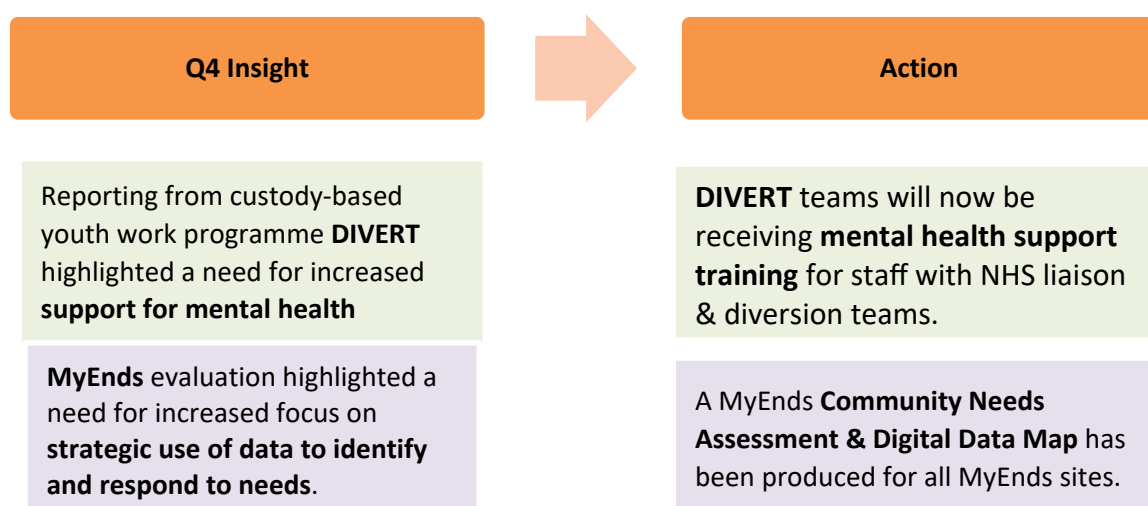
### High-Level Trends – Violence:

Comparing 2023 to 2019<sup>1</sup> 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.



<sup>1</sup> Data from MPS. 2019 is best year for comparison as was pre-pandemic. [Borough Stats](#) | [Tableau Public](#)

## 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 re-arrest 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

