

# QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE: CYP HARM & EXPLOITATION

Year , Quarter

24/25 (Year ) + Q4 (Quarter)

Programme RAG

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DIVERT	Custody based youth diversion aimed at18-25 year olds.	DIVERT recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary in service delivery. In the last quarter, the service has shown development in partnerships to ensure the complex needs of young people are met. The recent extension of Home Office funding enables DIVERT to continue delivering for another year. Due to ongoing uncertainty, some staff members left the service, which has affected delivery at some custody sites however, management have structured the team to ensure there is coverage at all custody suites.	446	7931	% of YP offered service attended initial engagement session	60%	On track	40%	180 out of 446	Green
ENGAGE	Custody based Youth diversion project for under 18s.	Engage teams continue to deliver with the extension of Home Office funding for the next financial year. Delivery partners are focused on looking ahead and the following next steps to strengthen their current custody-based offer. Due to funding uncertainty, staff across Enage teams have been reduced. However, with funding now confirmed, Engage teams are recruiting to ensure coverage across custody suites.	1218	6766	% of YP offered service engaged with support	50%	Met	53%	440 out of 837	Amber
Hospital Based Youth Work (VRU Led)	Diversionary service for vulnerable young people who attending adult A&E or Major Trauma Centres.	Overall, engagement rates increased this quarter when compared with Q3 following disruption caused by delayed certainty over Home Office funding for 2025/26. Despite this increase in engagement there continues to be disruption to the service due to ongoing vacancies.	1680	19809	% of YP offered service continued to engage	40%	Met	55%	245 out of 449	Amber
IRIS Programme 6b	Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) is a general practice (GP) based domestic violence and abuse (DVA) training support and referral programme	During Quarter 4, most of the 6B IRIS sites maintained a steady rate of referrals across boroughs. One previously lower performing borough showed promising growth in referrals, reflecting recent changes in training strategy. Referral rates in two boroughs remain low, and IRISi has escalated this as a programme risk, with a review meeting scheduled for 17th April to assess ongoing viability in these boroughs.	279			90%	Met	96%	45 out of 47	Green
Your Choice CBT	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy as part of a high intensity intervention to children at risk / harm of violence.	The programme has successfully recruited 1,466 children and young people with 122 teams still actively engaged. However, survey completion rates remain a challenge, with the pan-London survey completion rate at 58%. To address this, the VRU has awarded grants to 10 boroughs to support survey completion and programme fidelity. Despite these efforts, some boroughs have begun to wind down as the programme approaches its conclusion, though data quality remains strong.	113	1819	% of boroughs who are close to equal recruitment into both control & target groups	70%	Not Met	40%	12 out of 30	Green

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ADViSE	Domestic violence and abuse (DVA) training support and referral programme in a sexual health clinic setting	VRU funding for the ADViSE programme has come to an end at the end of Q4. Ongoing support for open cases have now been transferred to other services. The services have also spent time in the final funding quarter to scope future funding possibilites which have unfortunately been unsuccessful so far. The evalaution is being finalised and will be delivered in the coming weeks.	18	375	% of clinicians reporting a higher level of knowledge post-training, of those who provided feedback	90%	Met	100%	12 out of 12	Green
Contextual Safeguarding Programme	School based intervention around contextual safeguarding and cultural competency.	Following some delays to recruitment, delivery has resumed across all sites. Reflective Practice sessions and Parent/Carer workshops will restart from April 2025. The research component will begin again in June 2025, with planning already underway as the lead researcher returns. Staff turnover has impacted delivery and there have been some confusion amongst schools as to the whole school approach. Plans have been developed to strategically recruit and on-board staff members, efforts have been made to work with schools to re-establish relationships and improve clarity on the programme. Any delayed sessions/ workshops have now been scheduled for the summer term.	17	352	% of target Young People enrolled	80%	Met	85%	17 out of 20	Amber
Girls & Young Women Community-based Mentoring	Community-based targeted support service for young women through safe spaces and mentoring.	The Maia mentoring service accepted 15 new referrals this quarter, with advocates supporting full caseloads. New referral pathways and marketing materials were developed, and a Peer Mentor & Group Coordinator has been recruited. The team delivered training to 14 professionals to improve responses to domestic abuse, with updated training planned for the next quarter. Woman's Trust ran two blocks of nine self-development workshops (online and in-person) and continued one-to-one therapeutic calls for young women. One partner received low referrasls, work is being done to increase referrals across programme. Chance UK supported 15 new girls on the LIFT Programme, with a total of 45 now receiving mentoring. Risks relating to staffing instability, referrals across partners and issues with evaluation data were raised. These are being mitigated by VRU engagement with the team.	206	1330	% of GYW engaged in service after referral	75%	Met	93%	41 out of 44	Amber
IRIS Programme 4b	Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) is a general practice (GP) based domestic violence and abuse (DVA) training support and referral programme	In Quarter 4, boroughs focused on securing future funding for the IRIS programme and preparing for its planned end on 31st March 2025. Despite the wind-down, 71 referrals were received across the four boroughs. Three boroughs successfully implemented exit strategies, with open cases referred on and new pathways established. However, the programme was unable to secure future funding, and the programme has now closed in these areas. One borough plans to continue delivery into the next fiscal year, though IRIS training is paused while funding discussions with IRISi are ongoing.	246	1382	% of patients who received intervention and provided feedback 'know where to go for support'	90%	Met	87%	54 out of 64	Green

# QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE: CYP POSITIVE OPPORTUNITIES

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Multi-Faith Network	Community orientated partnership approach with faith sector in supporting young people affected by violence.	MFN Training contract has now been awarded to a provider, due to be signed off and agreed in Q1 to start delivery panning of the training programme to be rolled out across the whole Multi Faith Network. The VRU will work closely with the training provider to ensure sessions are engaging and meaningful and to help spread awareness of the offer among faith groups.	40	189	# of community and faith leaders who have participated in training aimed at addressing violence affecting young people	0%	Met		N/A	Green
Stronger Futures 2 (After School Provision/ Community Grass Roots)	Targeted funding for afterschool activies accross 28 boroughs for 8-18 year olds at risk or involved in violence.	Delivery has exceeded reach targets. There is a good mix or universal reach of young Londoners, alongside a more targeted youth work reaching the most at risk groups after school hours. Q4 also brought the evaluation partner delivering an initial draft report, with a deeper opportunity to explore programme performance and outcomes. Work continues over the next two quarters for entering into the summer period, recognising the increase in activities and the pressues on organisations with limited capacity. VRU will support the organisations with this increased demand in their planning and help build capacity where possible.	2314	19070	% of young people who remain engaged with programme delivery (average across interventions)	75%	On track	68%	67 out of 100	Green
VRU Sports	Pan-London sports-specific grant fund for vulnerable young Londoners.	A year long extension to the programme has been agreed. Several programmes came to a natural end during Q4 with less delivery taking place at the back end of the contract. New programmes are now launching as we enter into Q1, with new KPIs agreed and set to work towards over the upcoming year. Potential risks could arise with new programmes launching, particularly in data reporting however support will be provided with this. Q1 will be focussed on the commissioning of summer funded sports programmes	161	10899	% of GLA sports programmes that are hitting KPI targets	100%	Not Met	67%	2 out of 3	Green
Young Persons' Action Group	Embedded in London's VRU to ensure the voice, opinions and ideas of young people influence policy and funding decisions.	The YPAG completed their high level quality mentoring with Boston Consulting Group, which had positive outcomes. This included some applying for jobs, universities or setting up their LinkedIn profiles. They also participated in training on boundaries, peer research and using excel which helped them with working in groups and their social action projects. YPAG members and their parents/carers participated in work with the evaluators and the pastoral care needs increased on a 1-2-1 basis where there was a need to lower numbers for requests.	32	138	No KPI Required	0%	Met		N/A	Green
Youth Practitioners' Leadership & Developmen t Programme (Rise Up) 2	VRU's Pan-London leadership programme for frontline youth practitioners working with young people affected by violence.	Quarter 4 saw the graduation of Rise Up Cohort 1 of Full, and the commencement of Cohorts 2 for both Lite and Full. Cohort Leaders have been a particular success with these two quarters, imparting a sense of responsibility upon the group and bringing order. It is an ambition for the programme to reach 500 practitioners completing the programme; Rise Up Lite recruitment has been lower than anticipated, which, therefore, presents a risk to this ambition. VRU is working to prepare plans for forthcoming recruitment campaigns.	53	372	% of disengagement out of those enrolled	20%	On track	10%	104 out of 115	Green

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Strengthening Fathers	Pilot supporting prevention and early intervention for male carers/fathers seeking to strengthen relationships with their children.	Good progress in Q4. Fathers report feeling more confident, connected, and empowered in their parenting roles. Support pathways have helped reduce parental conflict and strengthen co-parenting relationships. We expanded our reach through local partnerships and referrals, especially with Muslim fathers. Plans are in place to enhance support for fathers in probation and introduce regular feedback tools. The programme's success is rooted in its lived-experience model, fostering trust and cultural competence. Several challenges identified include engaging with fathers on probation, barriers to consistent engagement and building sustainable partnerships. These concerns are being mitigated through close working with providers.	224	556	% of fathers who have remained engaged with wrap around services	75%	Met	73%	132 out of 179	Green
Parent/Carer Champion Network (S2)	Partnership programme empowering parents and carers through skills based training and peer support.	Key successes in Q4 include expanded collaborations, targeted outreach, and impactful sessions on resilience, safety, and wellbeing. Promising practices include trauma-informed, flexible delivery, co-production, and culturally responsive approaches that increase trust and participation. Project sustainability is a concern due to reduction in funding. Capacity issues, venue closures, and volunteer availability have impacted delivery, but adaptive strategies and new partnerships offer solutions.	4334	34823	% of Parent Carer Champions who were trained and onboarded over the course of this financial year (following initial recruitment)	65%	Met	86%	813 out of 940	Amber
Project response to CAPVA research	Supports boroughs to develop their systems responses within Children & Safeguarding services and deliver direct interventions to families affected.	The CAPVA (Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse) pilot continues to provide innovative support to families across three boroughs. The interim evaluation is currently being finalised which will offer key insights into delivery. The findings will help us assess the role of Champions, local awareness efforts, and strategies for long-term sustainability. Risks identified relate to referral information and access to interpreter services. Mitigations are in place to streamline referrals and access to interpreter support.	274	1480	% of families who have initiated engagement with the CAPVA programme (after being assessed as suitable for the intervention)	75%	On track	66%	27 out of 41	Green
Supporting CYP(Children Young People) Impacted by Domestic Abuse	Therapeutic support to children and young people impacted by domestic abuse.	The programme has received 579 referrals, with 60% of children successfully engaging in support. The independent evaluation of the project has been published and is available on the VRU Evidence Hub, along with a youth-facing report. These findings will inform future planning and learning across the sector. Risks identified include gaps in referrals, challenges with engaging schools and multi-agencies and supporting complex needs. Providers have developed specific actions to mitigate these concerns.	58	596	% of children offered service engaging with support	70%	On track	60%	346 out of 579	Green
Parent Support Programme	Community-based parental support to reduce social risk factors for violence during transition from primary to secondary.	This programme has now been decommissioned. All delivery is on track in line with the proposed performance outlined in the extension 152 at the end of the programme	21	818	No KPI Required	0%	Met	100%	152	Green

# QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE: EDUCATION

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Inclusive & Nurturing Schools Programme	Whole Schools programme with teacher training and targeted student strands.	Healthy Relationships strand: Tender has held a range of creative campaigns and in-depth workshops on healthy relationships. We're seeing an uptick in active parent and carer engagement thanks to Tender's focussed work on building strong school partnerships and targeted outreach. Inclusion strand: 24 schools have completed the National Nurturing Schools Programme and 22 more expected to do so, totalling around 40. This will be 57% of all schools who started the programme and 71% of schools that remained on the programme after the Autumn 2024 engagement review. Three schools have achieved the Nurturing Schools Award, with up to 30 expected to receive it. Some risks raised relating to staff leaving due to contracts coming to an end, difficulties engaging some schools in anti-racism work and need for clarity on evaluation approach. VRU working with providers to promote participation across all strands and provide clarity on evaluation activities.	3812	35273	% of students who report a good understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships	80%	Met	92%	1275 out of 1390	Green
PRU AP Mentoring 2024-2026	Targeted mentoring support to vulnerable young Londoners who attend London's Pupil Referral Units (PRUs).	Programme on track with 595 out of 1062 Year 1 target reached in final term. Satisfactory return of outcomes data though this can be polished and tightened over coming terms. Good engagement with PRUs. Evaluation and learning partner engaged and ToC has been developed.	645	1037	# of CYP accessing mentoring	25%	Met	27%	595 students out of a target of 2193	Green
Talk Matters	Specialist, targeted speech and language therapy in schools.	The Talk Matters programme has made notable progress across boroughs, with strong improvements in pupils' oracy skills through the whole school interventions and Talk Boost. Staff confidence has grown due to participating in CPD and peer observation and feedback, resulting in more consistent and embedded oracy practices in classrooms. Parental involvement has improved noticeably, though engaging all families remains a challenge. Schools have some sustainability concerns, citing challenges related to staffing, timetabling, and future funding. Local authorities have selected their second cohort of schools and are in the process of preparing and onboarding them to begin in September. VRU is working with schools and LAs to support sustainability.	3343	7919	% of children showing measurable improvement in speech and language skills after receiving targeted intervention	80%	Not Met		N/A	Green
UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools	Partnership with UNICEF UK ensuring Rights Respecting Schools Award is free for all state funded education settings in London for the next 4 years.	Overall, 101,634 students across London are attending a silver/ gold Rights Respecting School. 202 schools from a target of 200 have achieved at least silver in the award since VRU funding started. The total number of schools reached is 625, from a target of 650.	1163	101634	# of schools achieving silver plus award	25%	Met	43%	202 out of a 475 target	Green

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Additional Intensified Support 2.0	This funding will provide additional capacity to 6 boroughs most affected by serious violence to support those affected and impacted by violence, through a robust partnership approach, including collaboration between statutory partners, local communities, young people, stakeholders and key local institutions.	Good feedback received at Quarter 4 meetings with project leads on progress of interventions.	4755	10447	% boroughs meeting or exceeding expectations	50%	Met	100%	6	Green
London Crime Prevention Fund (LCPF)	The VRU, in partnership with the MPS and London Councils has helped to support the development of Violence and Vulnerability Plans in each of London's 32 boroughs, which aim to offer support and guidance alongside promoting best policy and practice.	This is the last quarter of the 3rd year of a 3 year funding round, projects are well established and delivery has progressed well across all boroughs. This round of funding has now come to an end and a new cycle of LCPF is commencing April 1st 2025. Many boroughs have applied to the VRU to continue existing programmes of work funded through this 2022-2025 round of LCPF, which further evidences the success of delivery of these funded projects.	15857	89094	% boroughs meeting or exceeding expectations	80%	Met	97%	31 out of 32	Green
MyEnds Partnership	The VRU is allocating funding for financial years 2024 – 25 and 2025-26, from the 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026, to 23 Local Authorities (that are not part of the VRU My Ends 2.0 programmes) as part of the new MyEnds – Partnership Fund ( previously named Community Capacity Building Fund) - allocating a total of £6,440,000 to boroughs over a 2 year period.	Borough delivery has progressed well this quarter following a slow start to delivery earlier in the year, with increased outputs starting to come through in the returns figures for quarter 4.	7907	14357	% boroughs meeting or exceeding expectations	50%	Met	95%	23	Green
Robbery Fund	The robbery fund is an additional investment of £3m across 2024 – 2026 to fund a programme of localised interventions to tackle robbery during the after school period targeted at young people.	Borough delivery has progressed well this quarter following a slow start to delivery earlier in the year, with increased outputs starting to come through in the returns figures for quarter 4.	13048	20724	% boroughs meeting or exceeding expectations	50%	Met	85%	15	Green
Serious Violence Duty	The VRU have reviewed borough Serious Violence Duty Strategic Needs Assessments and strategies, highlighting key headlines, challenges and promising practice.	Across London, the 32 boroughs continue to make use of the Serious Violence Duty funding to deliver a range of interventions, with all boroughs at full spend at the end of the financial year.	7832	22747	% boroughs meeting or exceeding expectations	80%	Met	98%	31 out of 32	Green

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Innovation Fund	The Innovation Fund seeks to support the life-changing work that community-led organisations do to support young people who are at risk of violence, by encouraging innovation and empowering communities.	94% of milestones for this quarter were completed (16 grant partners still delivering services). Work with Rocket Science (grant manager) to support early identification of issues within projects and provided appropriate support/troubleshooting as needed. VRU funds withheld if insufficient progress/low engagement. Some risks due to change within programme management at VRU.	2509	26525	% of innovation projects on track to deliver against quarterly milestone	100%	On track	94%	16	Amber
MyEnds 2	An evolved iteration of the flagship VRU My Ends programme, My Ends 2 will continue to deliver hyperlocal responses to violence with a consortia approach, whilst focusing on further defining the needs of the grassroots sector and resourcing this according.	All four key activity strands of MyEnds have been established across all consortiums including onward referrals and capacity building of grassroots groups. 87 different interventions being delivered across the 9 MyEnds locations. Programme wide operations delivered by the VRU have strengthened practice, support and learning from an across site Learning Day, Programme Manager Groups, tertiary working groups, EQIA training days. Some concerns raised in relation to restrictions on the Critical Incident Fund resource however the MyEnds Ops team is working closely with consortiums and LAs in response to incidents. There are some risks to the evaluation due to the complexities of the programme and burden of participation on delivery partners. The MyEnds team is working closely with evaluators to minimise the asks of delivery partners whilst ensuring that impact is captured.	5457	15009	% of Consortiums Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	100%	On track	89%	8 out of 9	Green