

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE: CYP HARM & EXPLOITATION

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▲ DIVERT	Custody based youth diversion aimed at 18-25 year olds.	Divert is demonstrating improved police-community relationships, which have proved helpful through increased engagement with Inspectors and Superintendents across London custody suites. The uncertainty in relation to funding has had an impact on the current delivery of the programme, including staff resourcing and retention. Preparations for when the funding arrangements are agreed have been put in place, however cannot be fully implemented until there is confirmation. Uncertainty of future funding has impacted delivery with reduced Job club sessions. However, DIVERT continues to work in partnership to support delivery.	360	7414	% of YP offered service attended initial engagement session	60%	On track	48%	170 out of 355	Red
ENGAGE	Custody based Youth diversion project for under 18s.	With the expanding discourse of the 'Child First approach', the Engage programme has demonstrated its proactive approach to putting children at the heart of service provision. Engage—North Area has recently made physical changes to the Wood Green custody suit to make it more child-centred and child-friendly. The Home Office has yet to announce details on funding past March, which is impacting operational delivery Pan London. The VRU is working closely with ENGAGE sites to update them on future funding.	1582	5670	% of YP offered service engaged with support	50%	Met	94%	1114 out of 1179	Red
Hospital Based Youth Work (VRU Led)	Diversionary service for vulnerable young people who attending adult A&E or Major Trauma Centres.	Uncertainty of future funding has resulted in 11 vacant posts across providers and a decline in the number of young people engaged in the hospital based youth programme due to capacity. More positively, the ability of the providers to successfully engage those reached has not been diminished. Regular communication with all providers has been established, and preparation for contract extensions is in place should a settlement with the Home Office be forthcoming.	1530	18074	% of YP offered service continued to engage	40%	Met	51%	205 out of 401	Red
Your Choice CBT	Cognitive Behavioural Therapy as part of a high intensity intervention to children at risk / harm of violence.	The number of children and young people in the study have exceeded the minimum target by 129. However, the completion rate for assessments (baseline and end point) was deemed too low for evaluation. Therefore there is a continued focus on making sure that all young people in the study complete all assessments. The Youth Endowment Fund agreed to fund a 2 month recruitment extension to strengthen the robustness of the Study through additional recruitment into targeted teams until the end of February.	719	1779	% of boroughs who are close to equal recruitment into both control & target groups	70%	Not Met	16%	5 out 31	Amber

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ADViSE	Domestic violence and abuse (DVA) training support and referral programme in a sexual health clinic setting	As VRU funding for the ADViSE programmes in Hackney and Westminster ends on 31st March 2025, future sustainable funding has been investigated by both sites this quarter. Securing future funding for the ADViSE programme is a consistent agenda item in steering meetings and various actions have been taken to work towards this goal over the past quarter.	72	486	% of clinicians reporting a higher level of knowledge post-training, of those who provided feedback	90%	Met	100%	15 out of 15	Green
Contextual Safeguarding Programme	School based intervention around contextual safeguarding and cultural competency.	The programme is on track to reach 80 CYP, 75 parents and 20 school children. There are however concerns about reaching targets for engaging 20 wider stakeholders and delivernig the research due to resourcing issues. The VRU is working with partners to mitigate risks, in particular, those caused by staffing turnover.	21	335	% of target Young People enrolled	80%	On track	68%	54 out of 80	Amber
Girls & Young Women Community-based Mentoring	Community-based targeted support service for young women through safe spaces and mentoring.	In Q3, the Girls and Young Women's Mentoring Programme continued to support GYW across all services including delivering impactful group activities, including a session with Arsenal and the VRU to challenge gender stereotypes. However, Working Chance and Woman's Trust have received fewer referrals than expected, impacting engagement levels. Other issues raised relate to safeguarding and staff safety. Measures are being put in place to mitigate safeguarding risks and ensure staff safety. Advance is working closely with these partners to improve referral pathways.	229	937	% of GYW engaged in service after referral	75%	On track	67%	18 out of 27	Green
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	There has been a significant increase in referrals from Kingston and Richmond in Quarter 3. Sustainability of the IRIS programme remains a priority, with all 4B boroughs working on securing future funding despite a challenging financial climate, with NHS ICBs and local authorities facing significant budget cuts. IRISi continues to support boroughs by providing resources and attending funding meetings. VRU is working closely with providers to secure future funding.	357	1147	% of patients who received intervention and provided feedback 'know where to go for support'	90%	Not Met	66%	27 out of 41	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	All boroughs have received referrals this quarter, with Wandsworth and Havering showing strong referral rates similar to established 4B sites, indicating solid programme support. IRISi will collaborate with boroughs recieving a below average number of referrals to improve promotion and address challenges.	513	1220	% of patients who received intervention and provided feedback 'know where to go for support'	90%	Not Met	65%		Amber

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.	In Q3, the Core Steering Group session focused on the strategy of the MFN as well as utilising social media to power reach across faith communities. Work continues to engage a wider range of faith groups and the commissioning of a training provider is in progress. The uptake of the training will be monitored once in place.	35	176	# of community and faith leaders who have participated in training aimed at addressing violence affecting young people	0%	Met	0%	0	Green
Stronger Futures 2 (After School Provision/ Community Grass Roots)	Targeted funding for afterschool activities across 28 boroughs for 8-18 year olds at risk or involved in violence.	Delivery partners continue to exceed targets in terms of YP reached. There is a good spread of delivery activities across London, with many of the organisations supporting communities most affected by violence & providing opportunities to young people at high risk of exploitation. There is uncertainty around the long-term sustainability of the programme due to unknown future funding arrangements. However, the programme has a 'Funder plus' model which supports organisations with longer term capacity building.	2006	16863	% of young people who remain engaged with programme delivery (average across interventions)	75%	Met	76%	Average retention rate from 17 organisations	Green
VRU Sports	Pan-London sports-specific grant fund for vulnerable young Londoners.	Sports internships have continued to grow this quarter, delivering further skills builder training to embed a pathway plan for interns to access long term sport careers.	439	10871	% of GLA sports programmes that are hitting KPI targets	100%	Met	100%	3 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.	Q3 had a focus on YPAG members developmental and training needs, including a focus on social actions and delivering safeguarding training. There have been increased requests for YPAG resource and consultation across the unit, demonstrating an increased demand and importance of embedding youth voice. The YPAG model is being evaluated. The VRU team are working with evaluators to ensure engagement across YPAG.	48	138	No KPI Required	0%	Met		N/A	Green
Youth Practitioners' Leadership & Development Programme (Rise Up) 2	VRU's Pan-London leadership programme for frontline youth practitioners working with young people affected by violence.	Cohort 1 of the Rise Up (Full programme) is due to conclude shortly, with an additional 34 practitioners scheduled to complete the programme. Cohort 2 of Rise Up Full has now commenced (Q4), with a full complement of 35 practitioners enrolled. Work with the Evaluation Partner, Innovation Unit, has successfully mobilised.	34	320	% of disengagement out of those enrolled	20%	Met	16%	10 out of 62	Green

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Parent/Carer Champion Network (S2)	Partnership programme empowering parents and carers through skills based training and peer support.	Community engagement has grown, with parents and carers actively participating in workshops, coffee mornings, and peer-led initiatives. Collaborations with schools and local organisations have strengthened outreach efforts. Challenges include managing increasing demand with limited resources, male parental engagement and difficulties in recruiting and retaining Parent Champions. Innovative approaches to counteract these challenges are in pace such as a focus on male recruitment and flexible training schedules which are helping to sustain progress.	4784	30452	% of Parent Carer Champions who were trained and onboarded over the course of this financial year (following initial recruitment)	65%	Met	61%	1214 out of 1980	Amber
Strengthening Fathers	Pilot supporting prevention and early intervention for male carers/fathers seeking to strengthen relationships with their children.	Programme continues to grow through community based referrals and word of mouth referrals which have allowed Consortiums to gain traction and trust of services being shared. Concerns were noted around difficulties of engagement with Local Authority referrals. However, work continues in Q4 is to continue to ensure engagement with LA.	44	236	% of fathers who have remained engaged with wrap around services	75%	On track	69%	79 out of 114	Green
Supporting CYP(Children Young People) Impacted by Domestic Abuse	Therapeutic support to children and young people impacted by domestic abuse.	Provider 1 saw 50 referrals, with strong participation from all 8 boroughs. Sessions in community venues and online have continued to support accessibility for young people. Provider 2 continued youth engagement, with many young people continuing support beyond the expected 20 sessions. Referrals remain stable. Risks include safeguarding concerns and challenges with referral processes within schools. The team is addressing these challenges by directly engaging with parents, streamlining consent processes, and working with schools to ensure timely sessions.	56	324	% of children offered service engaging with support	70%	On track	60%	302 out of 505	Green
Project response to CAPVA research	Supports boroughs to develop their systems responses within Children & Safeguarding services and deliver direct interventions to families affected.	The programme appears to be running well across all three boroughs, with referrals increasing. There was some challenges noted such as underspend in specific boroughs, risks due to delays in accessing training, limited referrals from specific agencies. However, efforts continue to engage with referring services including multi-agency partnership days. The evaluation is progressing alongside the programme and has started successfully.	82	188	% of families who have initiated engagement with the CAPVA programme (after being assessed as suitable for the intervention)	75%	On track	64%	27 out of 42	Amber
Parent Support Programme	Community-based parental support to reduce social risk factors for violence during transition from primary to secondary.	This programme has exceeded the target of families and supported families across Islington and Camden .It is due to be decommissioned in March.	40	818	No KPI Required	0%	Met			Green

QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE: EDUCATION

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Inclusive & Nurturing Schools Programme	Whole Schools programme with teacher training and targeted student strands.	Tender successfully promoted healthy relationships in schools, with 27 schools earning the Healthy Relationships Champion Award. Highlights include impactful student-led campaigns, improved teacher-student relationships, and creative parental engagement strategies. Challenges arose from the dual focus of the programme strands, parent engagement, and addressing evolving misogynistic attitudes influenced by online culture. For Nurtureuk, closer collaboration with Tender has improved school engagement, and popular pathways like Nurturing Transitions have been adapted to meet school needs. While school resource constraints and staff changes challenge engagement, bespoke consultancy and targeted network events help address these issues.	9018	31470	% of students who report a good understanding of healthy and unhealthy relationships	80%	Met	100%	14 out of 14	Green
PRU AP Mentoring 2024-2026	Targeted mentoring support to vulnerable young Londoners who attend London's Pupil Referral Units (PRUs).	The programme has reached 512 out of Yr 1 target of 1092. Outcomes are being measured more robustly by most providers, with follow up support where needed. There has been a delay in mentor recruitment however VRU provided support and now have staff members in place to delivery mentoring.	931	931	# of CYP accessing mentoring	25%	Met	51200%	512 out of 2,193 programme target	Green
Talk Matters	Specialist, targeted speech and language therapy in schools.	In Q3, there have been improved oracy skills for pupils, staff training has enhanced teaching practices and boroughs note considerable progress and strong feedback about Talk Boost. Schools are planning to expand staff training and embed oracy across education. In some schools, timetabling and resource challenges (staff sickness and movement) hinder consistent delivery of Talk Boost (the targeted intervention) but the VRU are working closely with LAs with their stakeholder engagement. Across schools, family engagement remains challenging but there are signs of improvement. A consequence of the schools' increased knowledge and capability about speech and language is that a few schools are assessing more children and more children are flagging up 'red' i.e. bottom 20% and there is not always local capacity in SaLT service to support those children in a timely manner. The LAs in question are working with the schools to support.	3742	7022	% of children showing measurable improvement in speech and language skills after receiving targeted intervention	80%	Met	85%	223 of 262	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.	The programme is on track with 580 schools registered out of a Year 1 target of 650 registrations, 9/10 child rights borough steering groups set up and 198/200 schools at Silver Plus. There will be challenges to recruiting schools in year 2 and setting up further borough steering groups as the interested schools and parties have already signed up in the first year. The team plan to develop an engagement strategy alongside unicef to encourage sign ups and monitor this in year 2.	6523	101051	# of schools achieving silver plus award	25%	Met	19800%	198 out of 475	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.	The average milestone success rate for the programme is currently 89.7%. We have had 16 projects that have been completed and have 23 yet to finish.	7846	22068	% of innovation projects on track to deliver against quarterly milestone	100%	On track	90%	20 out of 23	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.	The VRU London Crime Prevention Fund provides funding to all 32 London Boroughs to fund local violence reduction initiatives aligned to the boroughs Violence and Vulnerability plans and Serious Violence Duty Strategies. This is the 3rd year of a 3 year funding round, so projects are well established and delivery is progressing well across all boroughs. Some boroughs have reported the need to reprofile elements of the funding for example where posts have become vacant, however this has been resolved easily by programme managers to ensure continuation of spend related to ongoing project areas. Risks to delivery due to lack of confirmation of funding. VRU working closely with Home Office and keeping providers updated.	16919	72450	% boroughs meeting or exceeding expectations	80%	Met	90%	29 out of 32	Green
Serious Violence Duty	The VRU have reviewed borough Serious Violence Duty Strategic Needs Assessments and strategies, highlighting key headlines, challenges and promising practice.	The Serious Violence Duty is a national requirement which places a duty on specified authorities in each borough to work together to tackle serious violence. Boroughs are required to conduct a Strategic Needs Assessment of serious violence in their area and then developing a strategy to tackle serious violence. Local Authorities, Metropolitan Police Service, London Fire Brigade, the Integrated Care Boards (Health), and probation are the specified authorities required to work together under the act. Across London, boroughs continue to make use of the Serious Violence Duty funding to deliver a range of interventions, with all on-track to spend in full by the end of the financial year.	6426	17797	% boroughs meeting or exceeding expectations	80%	Met	96%	31 out of 32	Green

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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 now been established across all consortiums, including onward grants and capacity building of grassroots groups. 87 different interventions are now being delivered across the 9 MyEnds locations, ensuring primary, secondary and tertiary work with participants is well established in each neighbourhood. Programme wide operations delivered by the VRU have strengthened practise, support and learning, from an across-site Learning Day, Programme Manager Groups, and Tertiary Working Groups and training. Risks identified relating to effective distribution of the VRU Critical Incident Fund and burden on providers in participating in dynamic process evaluation. MyEnds Ops team collaborating closely across VRU Community Safety & Research Monitoring Evaluation and Learning Teams to provide additional support.	5458	9844	% of Consortiums Meeting or Exceeding Expectations	100%	On track	89%	8 out of 9	Green