



Marina Ahmad  
Chair of the Police and Crime Committee  
London Assembly

By email only

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Dear Marina,

**BTP response to recommendations made by the GLA Police and Crime Committee**

British Transport Police (BTP) welcome the Police and Crime Committee's report on Hate crime and Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) on London's Public Transport. BTP are committed to tackling VAWG and hate crime, alongside our policing and rail partners in London, to make the transport system a safe space for everyone to travel without fear of being intimidated, harassed or assaulted.

**Recommendations:**

**1 – Rapid Response Taskforce**

There are currently no plans for BTP to establish a new rapid response taskforce.

In April, BTP launched a dedicated Violence and Intimidation against Women and Girls taskforce which will operate nationally, with three of the proactive teams based in London. This taskforce will deliver more solved crimes, stronger safeguarding, and increased confidence, while working with partners to disrupt offenders and improve safety for women and girls.

BTP's current policing of the Transport for London (TfL) rail network involves joint working and close collaboration with TfL to respond to all crimes including hate crime and VAWG. The rail industry, including TfL, recently launched a joint [VAWG strategy](#) which sets out a series of KPIs outlining what success in this area will look like.

BTP are also part of the Mayor's Ending Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and Hate Crime Transport Taskforce, launched in October 2025 to improve safety and confidence across London's transport network

**2 – Survey**

BTP will work with TfL on understanding and tackling any actions the survey highlights where necessary.



### **3 – Victim support**

BTP adhere to the Victim’s Code of Practice (VCOP) to ensure that every victim receives the same standard of service. We strive to deliver the best possible outcome and ensure victims feel supported at every step of the way through the justice process.

BTP will work with TfL and the Metropolitan Police (MPS) as part of the VAWG and hate crime taskforce to respond to any points raised on victim support.

### **5 – Data sharing and Publication**

This data is already available on request, and is regularly shared with TfL.

### **7 – Staff Training**

TfL are responsible for training of their frontline staff

BTP work with TfL to provide advice and engagement on how TfL staff can support BTP with crime prevention.

### **10 – Mayor’s Transport Hate Crime and VAWG Taskforce**

BTP are part of the Mayor’s Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) and Hate Crime Transport Taskforce and will continue to attend and support the work of the taskforce.

### **11 – automatic referrals**

BTP already have consistent pathways for victim referrals to support services for VAWG and hate crime.

It is for TfL and the Mayor’s Taskforce to lead on any transport-wide automatic referral model with contributions from BTP and the MPS. BTP would ensure any automatic referral model in London aligns with our approach nationally to ensure all victims get the same level of service regardless of location.

### **Overall position**

BTP remain committed to tackling VAWG and hate crime across the rail network in London. We will continue to work closely with both TfL and MPS to ensure the rail network is a safe place for all those that work and travel on it.

Yours sincerely,  
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