

# MOPAC

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Dear Steve

**Police and Crime Committee Meeting – 20 July 2017**

Thank you for your letter of 1 August regarding the London Assembly's Police and Crime Committee meeting on 20 July 2017. I apologise for the delay in replying to you.

At that meeting, I undertook to provide the Committee with the following:

**Inform the Committee of the remaining number of Accident and Emergency Departments which are not sharing and the reasons why**

The Information Sharing to Tackle Violence (ISTV) programme falls under the delivery of Knife Crime Strategy, 2017. ISTV forms one part of a suite of MOPAC responses to help reduce the number of victims of knife crime and violence within the capital. The overall outcome of the programme is to reduce violence in the capital through the use of data sharing which will support MOPAC, MPS and Community Safety Partners to better inform partnership response and interventions.

Every Type 1 Emergency Department (ED) in London has made a commitment to share ISTV data with Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs), including the Police, and 28 of the 29 EDs are now consistently doing so. The final ED has undertaken to do so as soon as is practicable, as soon as IT difficulties are resolved.

Whilst acknowledging the great progress that has been made over the past two years via Home Office funding there is the recognition that we need to build on this success through MOPAC's continued leadership. As such, £316,000.00 has been allocated to fund the programme over two years (2017-19). This budget will be used to support all EDs sharing data consistently, whilst also extending the most successful elements of the programme to create sustainability.

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**Brief the Committee on the forthcoming knife crime prevention campaign**

The GLA and MOPAC have recently appointed an advertising agency to develop and lead on a media campaign targeted towards young people and their parents, raising awareness on the dangers and consequences of knife crime; and providing reassurance and advice on what they can do if they have concerns about an individual's involvement or risk of involvement in knife crime. It is envisaged that the campaign will be launched and implemented in the autumn.

**Arrange for a copy of the street furniture audit of the Notting Hill Carnival footprint to be sent to the Committee once it has been completed**

As per the redacted Movement Strategy reports, a Street Furniture Audit at critical locations within the Carnival footprint (and the subsequent removal of furniture) was recommended as a potential short term way in which crowding risk may be reduced at Carnival.

However, following further discussion with MPS counter terror experts on the benefits of such street furniture should a hostile vehicle attack take place, the Notting Hill Strategic Partners Group decided not to proceed with this recommendation. Subsequently a Street Furniture Audit has not been completed at this time, but should advice change this decision will be revisited and a copy will be provided to the PCC.

I hope that this response addresses the Committee's questions. Thank you once again for writing to me about these issues.

Yours sincerely



Sophie Linden  
**Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime**