

Subject: Action Taken Under Delegated Authority

Report to: Police and Crime Committee

Report of: Executive Director of Secretariat

Date: 20 September 2018

This report will be considered in public

1. Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines recent action taken by the Chairman of the Police and Crime Committee in accordance with the delegated authorities granted to him by the Police and Crime Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the recent action taken by the Chairman of the Police and Crime Committee under delegated authority, following consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, namely to:
- (i) Agree the Committee's report, *Detained not Forgotten, Healthcare in Custody*;
 - (ii) Agree the arrangements for the Committee's site visit on 7 September 2018 to Birmingham; and
 - (iii) Agree the arrangements for the Committee's discussion on tackling the rise in violence in London on 20 September 2018.
- 2.2 That the Committee notes its report, *Detained not Forgotten, Healthcare in Custody*, as attached at Appendix 1 of this report.
- 2.3 That the Committee notes the summary of its visit to Birmingham, as set out in paragraphs 4.4 to 4.9 of this report.

3. Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on 7 March 2018, the Police and Crime Committee held a discussion with invited guests on healthcare in custody. The Committee heard about the steps the MPS and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) are taking to ensure the most effective model of provision and clinical governance is in place for healthcare in custody. At the meeting the Committee resolved:

That authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM to agree any output from the Committee's discussion on healthcare in custody.

- 3.2 Following that meeting, the Chairman consulted party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM about the draft report on healthcare in custody.

- 3.3 The Committee is currently undertaking a scrutiny investigation on tackling the rise of violent crime in London. At its meeting on 5 September 2018, the Committee resolved:

That a site visit to Birmingham on 7 September 2018 be undertaken to observe the public health approach to tackling violent crime and that authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree the arrangements for that visit.

- 3.4 Following that meeting, the Chairman consulted party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM about the arrangements for that visit.

- 3.5 At the Committee's meeting on 5 September 2018, it was also agreed:

That the Committee's meeting slot on 20 September 2018 be used for activity to support the Committee's scrutiny investigation into tackling the rise of violent crime in London, and that authority be delegated to the Chairman, in consultation with the party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM, to agree the arrangements for that activity.

- 3.6 Following that meeting, the Chairman consulted party Group Lead Members and Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM about the format for the meeting.

4. Issues for Consideration

The Committee's report, *Detained, not forgotten, healthcare in custody*

- 4.1 Following consultation, the Chairman agreed the Committee's report, *Detained, not forgotten, healthcare in custody*, which was published on 10 September 2018. The report is attached at **Appendix 1** for Members and officers only but is available on the Greater London Authority's website [here](https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2018-09-06_healthcare_in_custody_report.pdf)¹:

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4.2 The report contained the following recommendations:

Pressures in the system

Recommendation 1

As part of the Mayor's review of healthcare in custody arrangements, he should assess how detainees are encouraged to register with a General Practitioner, and how the number of detainees registered with a GP can be increased.

Recommendation 2

The Metropolitan Police should, by October 2018, have completed its analysis of ambulance callouts to custody suites. This should feed into the Mayor's review of police custody healthcare arrangements and a copy should be provided to this committee.

The custody workforce

Recommendation 3

The Metropolitan Police should, by the end of 2018, have improved the mechanisms for bringing together FMEs, CNPs and other custody staff. This could, for example, be through joint training, or networks to discuss developments in the provision of custody.

Children in custody

Recommendation 4

MOPAC should, as part of its review of custody healthcare arrangements, carry out a robust assessment of the need for secure and non-secure accommodation for detained children and young people across London.

By the end of 2018, we expect MOPAC and London Councils to have developed a roadmap for improvement in this area, demonstrating the steps they will be taking to reduce the number of children kept in custody.

Vulnerable detainees

Recommendation 5

MOPAC should conduct an urgent feasibility study for a pan-London Appropriate Adults scheme, like the one it runs for Independent Custody Visitors.

Recommendation 6

Whatever the results of the proposed feasibility study for a pan-London Appropriate Adult scheme, MOPAC should use its unique position, in conjunction with other parts of the GLA such as Team London, to increase awareness of the AA role as a volunteering opportunity and how Londoners can become an Appropriate Adult.

We expect MOPAC to report back to the committee by December 2018, detailing its plans to improve the availability of Appropriate Adults across the capital.

- 4.3 A response to the recommendations has been requested by 31 October 2018.
- 4.4 The Committee is recommended to note its report, *Detained not forgotten, Healthcare in custody*, as attached at **Appendix 1** to the report.

Site Visit to Birmingham and the West Midlands

- 4.5 On 7 September 2018, the Committee held a site visit to Birmingham and the West Midlands to observe a comparable police force's approach to enforcement, intervention and prevention activity to tackle violence. Birmingham has started implementing the 'public health approach' to violence, following a study commissioned by the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner in 2016.
- 4.6 The following Members attended the site visit:
- Steve O'Connell AM (Chairman)
 - Unmesh Desai AM (Deputy Chair)
 - Caroline Pidgeon AM MBE
 - Len Duvall AM
 - Susan Hall AM
 - Tony Arbour AM
- 4.7 Members attended a roundtable discussion with David Jamieson, West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner (WMPCC) and representatives from his office, Bishop Derek Webley, Chair of the Gangs and Violence Commission, and representatives from the West Midlands Violence Prevention Alliance and West Midlands Police. Members heard about the work of the Gangs and Violence Commission and the public health approach to tackling violence in Birmingham.
- 4.8 Following the roundtable discussion, Members met with representatives of Holford Drive Sports Hub, a community organisation, to hear about its work in prevention violence community set up to "to improve the health and well-being of the local community through the provision of sports and physical activity opportunities that meet strategically identified need" and to "provide positive opportunities for local young people to engage in activities to reduce crime and improve community safety"
- 4.9 Members also had an opportunity to meet with students from a secondary school in Birmingham to discuss why violence occurs and how it can be prevented.
- 4.10 The information gathered during the visit will feed into the Committee's emerging conclusions about tackling violent crime in London. More information on this matter is set out in **Agenda Item 5**.

Discussion on Tacking the Rise of Violent Crime in London

- 4.11 The Chairman agreed that the format for the main item of business at the meeting on 20 September 2018, would be an open discussion with invited guests to explore the practical solutions to the increase in violence in London. More information on this matter is set out in **Agenda Item 5**.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Committee has the power to do what is recommended in the report.
- 5.2 Officers confirm that the recommendations contained in the Committee's report, *Detained not forgotten, Healthcare in custody* fall within the terms of reference for the investigation and the Committee's terms of reference.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 Any financial implications arising from the site visit were met from existing resources.

List of appendices to this report:

Appendix 1 – The Committee's report, *Detained not forgotten, Healthcare in custody*

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers:

Member Delegated Authority Forms: 915 (Healthcare in custody report), 985 (site visit to Birmingham) and 986 (meeting on 20 September 2018).

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