

London Crime Reduction Board meeting minutes - 28 October 2021

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1. Agreement of minutes

The board notes of 6 July 2021 were agreed. All outstanding actions were covered in the meeting.

2. Preventing and reducing violence

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) provided an update and advised the Board regarding the MPS position in terms of the incidents of serious crime against women and girls. It was reported that the MPS were close to finalising an action plan which would give focus to: Increasing the number of perpetrators brought to justice;

Reduce attrition that victims suffer through the investigation, prosecution and disposal process; Reducing repeat victimization and; Public space confidence especially for women and girls. It was expected the action plan would be published in coming weeks.

The Board was advised MPS strategies for reducing violence included close working with the licensing community on issues including the Ask for Angela campaign and Operation Vigilance, whereby plain clothes officers attend night time economy venues to look out for concerning behaviour. Members agreed the strategies were an innovative approach.

3. Serious violence

The MPS provided a report on the Autumn Nights campaign which launched on 4 October. It was advised the report included a Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) element.

MOPAC officers provided an update on the VAWG strategy with advice they were working closely with the MPS to support the production of their Rebuilding Trust Action Plan and VAWG Action Plan. It was understood the Police and Crime Plan would provide an overarching structure to the VAWG Strategy.

4. Disproportionality in the adult criminal justice system

The National Probation Service (NPS) stated that much was needed to be done in order to impact change. It was positioned that BAME should cease to be used as an umbrella term. Rather, focus should be given to identifying specific groups impacted by the Criminal Justice System.

It was agreed that there was a need for ‘cultural intelligence and ‘cultural competency’ rather than focus given only to BAME. It was advised that the NPS was conducting work around unconscious bias and that significant success had been achieved in this area. The Mayor welcomed the report, which was considered introspective and a significant step towards achieving positive change in the CJS.

5. Police and Crime Plan

MOPAC officers provided an update on the Police and Crime Plan (PCP). It was reported the PCP would reflect key priorities, as set out in the Mayor's manifesto, including feedback from partners gained during the pre-consultation. MOPAC proposed a vision that, ‘London is a Safe City for All’ underpinned by four priority areas.

6. Any other business

There was no other business to discuss.

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