

Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Board Minutes – 5 September 2022, City Hall

Attendees:

Diana Luchford – MOPAC - Co-Chair
Andrea Simon – EAW – Co-Chair
Carol London-Baptiste - VRU
Donna Love - NHS
Helena McKinnon - MOPAC
Jain Lemom – MOPAC
Jane Connors – MPS
Katie Nash – HMPPS
Lisa Ramsarran – CPS
Mathew Pickering – MOPAC
Michael Taylor – MOPAC
Moushami Aktar - MOPAC
Shehnaz Dowlut - Leapwise Advisory
Tamara Barnett – MOPAC
Tom Gash - Leapwise Advisory
Viv Hayes - WRC

Apologies:

Baljit Banga - Imkaan
Chris Thorne – HMCTS
Clive Grimshaw - London Councils
Diane Egan - London Heads of Community Safety
Joanne Towens - HMCTS
Kevin Southworth - MPS
Rachel Buttrick – London Councils

1: Welcome

The Board was welcomed to the meeting.

2: Minutes and Actions from previous meeting (06/06/22)

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and updates on actions were provided.

3: VAWG Board Governance and New Terms of Reference

All sub-boards of the London Criminal Justice Board have new standardised Terms of Reference. The VAWG Board will focus on partnership working to reduce VAWG and achieving the objectives of the new VAWG Strategy.

4: Outcomes Framework for VAWG Board and London Criminal Justice Board

The new sub-board structure is intended to enable mutual support across LCJB outcomes. The Outcomes Framework outlines the high-level objectives and can also adapt to arising issues, such as MOPAC now developing a new outcome on stalking

5: Deep Dive on VAWG Strategy and Delivery Plan - Chapter 3: Holding Perpetrators to Account

The Board held an interactive workshop on perpetrator focused workstreams, identifying positive developments and potential challenges to delivering the VAWG Strategy commitments. The Board noted that the cost-of-living crisis will have a negative impact on levels of VAWG, such as through economic abuse and coercion, and partners should consider how this can be

addressed in London for VAWG victims. The Board considered how victims will be less likely to report crimes if they have low confidence that it will achieve a convictions, or would endanger themselves future.

6: Emerging and key issues on the other VAWG Strategy chapters and Delivery Plan

This item was deferred due to time constraints; the presentation was circulated to the Board.

7: Update on MPS VAWG Action Plan

The key priorities for the new MPS Commissioner are restoring public trust and confidence, and consistency BCU delivery that also meets specific local community needs. The MPS will be consultation with partners when the MPS VAWG Action Plan is refreshed in 2023. The VAWG Action Plan will also link with the Disproportionality and Inclusion Plan. The MPS is developing their Equality Impact Assessment for VAWG, which is being produced by the MPS VAWG and EIA teams. The MPS received positive feedback on engagement with the public at the Notting Hill Carnival, and is taking learning/good practice for future festivals. Safe Spaces across the area were staffed by VCS, supported by plainclothes officers.

8: Any Other Business

The MOPAC VAWG Team circulated a report providing an update on MOPAC programmes.