

## Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Board Minutes – 6 March 2023

### Attendees:

Diana Luchford – MOPAC - Co-Chair  
Andrea Simon – EAWG - Co-Chair  
Caroline Dart - VRU  
Casey Mackins - WRC  
Chloe Collins - NHS  
Chris Thorne – HMCTS  
David Malone – CPS  
Donna Love – NHS  
Diane Egan - London Heads of Community Safety  
Helen Millichap – MPS  
Jain Lemom - MOPAC  
James Bottomley - MOPAC  
Jane Garvan - MPS  
Joanne Towns - HMCTS  
Katie Nash – HMPPS  
Kevin Southworth - MPS  
Lesley Weber -MOPAC  
Lucy Hayton - MOPAC  
Mathew Pickering - MOPAC  
Michael Taylor – MOPAC  
Minal Patel - CPS  
Naomi Sterling – MOPAC  
Nickiesha Barnett - VRU  
Rachel Buttrick – London Councils  
Tamara Barnett - MOPAC  
Siwan Hayward – TfL  
Viv Hayes - WRC

### Apologies:

Karina Wane-Henry - VRU  
Lisa Ramsarran – CPS

### 1: Welcome and minutes and Actions from previous meeting (05/12/22)

The Board was welcomed to the meeting The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. All actions have been completed or are being discussed at this meeting.

### 2: VAWG Board Disproportionality Outcome

The Board was advised that all sub-boards of the London Criminal Justice Board are now including an outcome on disproportionality in their Outcomes Framework. The Board agreed in principle to a proposed outcome. The MPS agreed in principle but requested time to provide the Board with sufficient assurance as to how the MPS can fulfil this outcome.

### 3: MPS Updates

The Board was advised that the MPS is providing more resources into the Public Protection Command, which is now within the same management group. The MPS VAWG Action Plan will be refreshed and streamlined for easier reading. The Plan will link with the MPS Turnaround Plan, the NPCC VAWG Framework and the Casey Review recommendations. The consultation phase for the next draft is being finalised, so that partners will have time to consider their

feedback. There is currently no set timeline for publication of the new version; the MPS will keep partners informed as this develops.

#### **4: Data Analysis: supporting all victims and survivors**

The Board was provided with an overview of Pan-London data related to repeat victimisation.

#### **5: VAWG Board Outcomes Framework: supporting all victims and survivors**

The CPS has noted decreasing numbers of victims disengaging from cases. When victims do withdraw, the CPS processed with cases through offender-focused evidence-led prosecutions, using witness statements and other case data. The conviction rate in London is recently increasing but remains lower than the national average; the CPS works with partners to consider learning from unsuccessful prosecutions. London Probation is launching the Victim Notification Scheme to inform victims when their case offenders are released and advise them of available support services.

#### **6: MOPAC Oversight**

The MOPAC February Oversight Board discussed exploitational harm; the June Oversight Board will focus on violent crime. Data is being reviewed on the proportion of victims who supported investigations in rape cases, repeat victimisation and Protection Orders. The work of the MPS VAWG Action Plan and Operation Soteria was reviewed. MOPAC will consider how to oversee arising recommendations from the Casey, Angelini and Blyth reviews.

#### **7: Any Other Business**

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

MOPAC will be launching two new funds by the end of March: a £1m Cost of Living Fund and a £3m two-year Grassroots fund. MOPAC will be recommissioning the London Victims and Witness Service, which includes the Pan-London IDVA service and will hold engagement workshops and other consultations with partners and service users. The VRU is developing a capacity building fund for local authorities to work on Child and Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse