

**Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Board  
Minutes – 4 September 2023****Attendees:**

Andrea Simon – EAW – Co-Chair  
Andrew Wadey - MPS  
Caroline Dart – VRU  
Chloe Collins - NHS  
Connie Stygall - MOPAC  
Diane Egan - London Heads of Community Safety  
Donna Love – NHS  
Helen Millichap – MPS  
Imogen Resnick - MOPAC  
Jain Lemom - MOPAC  
James Bottomley - MOPAC  
Jonny Miller – Gate One  
Katie Nash – HMPPS  
Kevin Southworth - MPS  
Laura Pritchard - MPS  
Leah Simms – National Probation Service, London  
Lizzie Peters - MOPAC  
Louise Capel-Cure - MOPAC  
Lucy Hayton - MOPAC  
Nour Gazarin – WRC  
Paris Williams – MOPAC  
Rob Bradshaw – Gate One  
Robin Merrett - MOPAC  
Sarah Maclaren - CPS  
Saranya Kogulathas - MOPAC  
Siwan Hayward – TfL  
Viv Hayes – WRC

**Apologies:**

Alison Aedy - HMCTS  
Claire Waxman – Victims' Commissioner for London  
Diana Luchford – MOPAC - Co-Chair  
Joanne Towens - HMCTS  
Katie Nash – National Probation Service, London  
Lisa Ramsarran – CPS

**1: Welcome and minutes and actions from previous meeting (05/06/23)**

The Board was welcomed to the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were agreed. All actions have been completed or are in progress.

**2: MPS Updates**

The MPS is exploring opportunities to look at VAWG cases data in more detail and is using the Connect data system to identify any cases which may have VAWG links that were not initially identified. The MPS is engaging with local policing leadership and stakeholders in each borough about A New Met for London. There are several ways A New Met for London pivots towards VAWG, including collaborative working with the increased number of neighbourhood officers in tackling neighbourhood crime. The MPS will be undertaking further consultation on the refreshing of the commitments of the MPS VAWG Action Plan; the MPS will be publish an

updated Action Plan by the end of 2023. Positive feedback was received about the Safer Spaces tents at the Notting Hill Carnival. The MPS will ensure that external voices and partners are engaged as part of the scrutiny of Operation Onyx.

### **3: MOPAC Oversight**

The Board was advised that the first meeting of the London Policing Board (LPB) will be on 26 September. The LPB will hold quarterly meetings in public and will be supported by sub-boards, with a break during the pre-election period. The LPB is working with the MPS on aligning the oversight framework with A New Met for London. VAWG is an important topic which is embedded in the LPB framework and will be represented on the agendas.

### **4: Operation Soteria Bluestone**

The Board was reminded of the year one work of research and year two work with 14 other forces and launching the National Operating Model (NOM). The implementation team is currently supporting and coaching other police forces to embed the required changes. A through quality assurance process ensures that this work is transformational and has a very specific focus on engaging with VAWG organisations. The MPS will work with VCS partners to review full delivery of the NOM and strengthen the MPS response. The CPS joint work with the MPS has fed into the NOM and this is delivered or on track to be delivered.

### **5: MOPAC Commissioned Sexual Violence Redesign Overview**

The Board was provided with an overview of work conducted to develop a new service model for sexual violence provision. The current focus is on MOPAC commissioned services; MOPAC will engage with partners on any proposed new design.

### **6: VRU – Child/Adolescent to Parent Violence and Abuse (CAPVA)**

The Board was provided with an overview on the CAPVA programme.

### **7: VAWG Prevention Plan**

The Board was provided with an overview of the VAWG Prevention Plan.

### **8: Any Other Business**

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