

## **London Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)**

**Note of Meeting: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March, City Hall**

### **Attendees:**

DMPC Sophie Linden (Chair)  
Diana Luchford, MOPAC  
Will Balakrishnan, MOPAC  
Fiona Murphy, MOPAC  
Tamara Barnett, MOPAC  
Connie Stygall, MOPAC  
Abigail McNeill, MOPAC  
Lynne Conroy, MOPAC  
Brendan Charnock, MOPAC  
Claire Waxman, Independent Victims' Commissioner  
Cmdr. Paul Trevers, MPS  
Joanne Towens, HMCTS  
Annabel Burns, HMCTS  
Sarah Coccia, HMPPS  
Kilvinder Vigurs, HMPPS London Probation  
Clare Ansdell, HMPPS London Probation  
Ian Blakeman, HMPPS London Prisons Group  
Mo Foster, HMPPS London Prisons Group  
Lionel Idan, CPS London South  
Jaswant Narwal, CPS London North  
Cmdr. Umer Khan, CoLP  
Pinaki Ghoshal, ALDCS  
Henry Smithers, YJB

### **Apologies:**

AC Matt Twist, MPS  
DAC Ade Adelekan, MPS  
Helen Isaac, CoLP  
Amy Hudspith, BTP  
Sinead Dervin, NHSE  
Fiona Taylor, London Councils  
Lib Peck, VRU  
Andrea Simon, EVAW  
Stephen McCallister, HMCTS  
Althea Loderick, London Councils  
Claire Solley, ADASS  
Debbie Weekes-Bernard, GLA

### **Item 1. Welcome & Introductions, Minutes & Actions from the last meeting**

There was agreement on the previous minutes and the DMPC advised that a copy has been uploaded on the MOPAC website.

The actions from the last two meetings were circulated and MOPAC Head of Partnerships went through the outstanding actions.

### **Item 1b. Update on the DA Joint Justice Plan**

CPS London North provided an update that the CPS and police are working together on a Joint Justice Plan for Domestic Abuse. It will comprise a set of overarching commitments, strategic priorities, and a series of practical actions to raise standards. In the last 12 months, collectively the NPCC, College of Policing and CPS have developed three core JJP commitments: Building Strong Cases from the Outset, Supporting Victims, and Effectiveness & Timeliness. The launch date has not yet been confirmed but there is a pre-launch event taking place on 27th March with practitioners in preparation for implementation. The DMPC called for a response to DA in London which builds on the approach used in Operation Soteria.

### **Item 2. Borough Proactivity Teams/Units – What does this mean to Offender Management for Partners?**

The MPS presented the Borough Proactivity Teams paper circulated to the board to update on the full launch across all BCUs for MPS Proactive teams in January 2024. These are new resources within each BCU that will be responsible for a range of tasks previously either carried out by smaller, specialist teams (such as managing civil orders or license conditions) or for new tasks relating to offender management and proactive tasks for specific people (such as those on VHA or VAWG 100 who pose a long-term threat). The MPS and HMPPS London Probation are working collaboratively to develop an operating model for the role of Borough Proactivity Teams.

### **Item 3. MOPAC E&I Victim Withdrawal Research**

MOPAC Evidence & Insight Unit presented the main findings from an ongoing research project on Victim Withdrawal commissioned by the Independent Victims' Commissioner for London. The deep dive into victim withdrawal is exploring: if victim withdrawal happens for all crime or certain types; if it reflects victim decision making, wants, needs; and/or if it reflects how the police handle cases or record decision making. There was discussion about what CJ agencies can do to standardise data collection of victims. There is additional planned research for 2024 and a full published version will be available later in the year.

### **Item 4. LCJB Key Actions update**

#### **Item 4a. LCJB Serious Case Reviews TFG - Recommendations on Next Steps**

MOPAC presented the key themes for improvement from the analysis of London serious case reviews collated by the LCJB Serious Case Reviews task and finish group. It was agreed that a thematic analysis of adult SCRs should be completed on an annual basis and brought back to LCJB to understand changes and where progress is being made. There was also a discussion about existing learning from SCRs for children (under 18) requiring an improved pan-London governance about how themes are followed up, to be discussed by the LCJB and a focus of the London Safeguarding Children Partnership Executive.

#### **Item 4b. MPS Criminal Justice Performance**

The MPS presented the paper on Criminal Justice Performance circulated to the board, and two newly developed plans which aim to improve DG compliance for case file quality to 60% by the end of 24/25 FY; a CJ strategic action plan and CJ improvement (tactical) action plan. MPS case file quality and the impact on these plans will be reviewed at the next LCJB.

#### **Item 4c. Objectives and Key Priorities for the London Crown Court Performance and Delivery Board (LCCPDB)**

HMCTS presented the paper on Objectives and Key Priorities for the London Crown Court Performance and Delivery Board (LCCPDB) circulated to the board. At the last LCCPDB meeting in February, it was agreed by the members for a more focused approach to be taken for the objectives set for 2024/25. The specific objectives are still being worked through to ensure there are measurable outcomes that can be assigned and will be signed off by the Board at the next meeting in April 2024.

#### **Item 5. AOB**

HMPPS acknowledged the public update regarding ECSL release being extended to 35 days and the concerns regarding risk escalation, outlining the terms of the scheme that only those at low risk are released in 18 or 35 days and governance of an escalation panel in place reviewing exemptions.

The date of the next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024.