

## MOPAC Violence Against Women and Girls Board - 6 June 2024

#### Present:

#### **Board members**

Andrea Simon – End Violence Against Women Coalition - Co-Chair Diana Luchford – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime - Co-Chair Chloe Collins – National Health Service
Donna Love – National Health Service
Hannah Kuehn - London Councils
Helen Millichap – Metropolitan Police Service
Katie Nash – London Probation
Lisa Ramsarran – Crown Prosecution Service
Mandy McGregor – Transport for London
Sharon Whittington – London Heads of Community Safety
Viv Hayes – Women's Resource Centre

#### Officers

Aisha Graham-Sharif – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime Amakai Kefas – Metropolitan Police Service Bridget Reeves – His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service Caroline Dart – Violence Reduction Unit Emily Gilbert – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime Imogen Resnick – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime Jain Lemom – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime Jane Corrigan – Metropolitan Police Service Jane Garvan – Metropolitan Police Service Lucy Hayton – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime Michael Taylor – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime Nicole Ramshaw – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime

#### **Guests**

Casey Mackins - Women's Resource Centre

## **Board member apologies:**

Kevin Southworth - Metropolitan Police Service

## 1: Welcome and minutes and actions from previous meeting (04/03/24)

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: Overview of elected Mayor's VAWG commitments

The Board was provided with an overview of the elected Mayor's manifesto VAWG commitments.

# 3: Public Attitude Survey: Trust and Confidence in the Criminal Justice System

The Board was provided with an overview of the Public Attitude Survey dataset on trust and confidence, comparing responses from 2022-23 and 2023-24. The MPS

liaises with MOPAC to review feedback received from victims and consider the needs that this feedback highlights.

# 4: Technology-enabled VAWG offences

The Board was provided with an overview of the recent roundtable that MOPAC held to discuss this topic and noted that a partnership approach will be required to address the wide range of these emerging offences. The Board discussed the range of technology being used to commit VAWG offences.

#### 5: VAWG Board Outcomes Framework: Criminal Justice Outcomes

**CPS** – The Board was advised that there has been a recent significant increase in DA referrals and conviction rates and decrease in discontinued cases. There has been a significant increase in RASSO referrals and authorised charges.

**London Heads of Community Safety** – The Board was advised that the co-location of IDVAs in police stations has positively maintained victim engagement. Training frontline professionals about DA enabled them to better identify victims and refer them to support services and MARAC.

**London Probation** – The Board was advised that trauma informed training has been delivered for all staff. All victim satisfaction feedback is reviewed, but the system is unable to provide a breakdown by victim or offence.

**NHS** – The Board was advised that the NHS is developing new pathways and upskilling practitioners to support local examinations for girls under 18 suspected of having undergone FGM.

**MPS** – The Board was advised that the MPS is working with partners to consider how to increase public trust in criminal justice. The MPS is working with the NPCC to review how female offenders can also be vulnerable to victimhood. Operation Soteria is progressing work to reduce victim withdrawal.

## 6: MPS Updates

The Board was advised that the MPS has been progressing the coordination of different teams which engage with schools and will be refreshing the Neighbourhood Policing Model. The Board was provided with an overview of VAWG prevention activity in schools, which is supported by Votes for Schools.

## 7: Any Other Business

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