

## **MOPAC Violence Against Women and Girls Board - 5 September 2024**

### **Present:**

#### **Board members**

Andrea Simon – End Violence Against Women Coalition - Co-Chair  
Will Balakrishnan – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime - Co-Chair  
Christopher Rowney – London Heads of Community Safety  
Hannah Kuehn - London Councils  
Helen Millichap – Metropolitan Police Service  
Katie Nash – London Probation  
Kevin Southworth – Metropolitan Police Service  
Viv Hayes – Women's Resource Centre

#### **Officers**

Aisha Graham-Sharif – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime  
Amana Humayun – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime  
Caroline Dart – Violence Reduction Unit  
Chirandeep Mondol – Crown Prosecution Service  
Cinzia Leonard – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime  
Connie Stygall – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime  
Darren Mephram – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime  
Dionnne Cameron – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime  
Jain Lemom – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime  
Jane Garvan – Metropolitan Police Service  
Lisa Le Masson - Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime  
Michael Taylor – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime  
Sonita Pobi-Busigu – National Health Service

#### **Guests**

Casey Mackins – Women's Resource Centre  
Alan Underwood – National Health Service  
Karen Butler – Metropolitan Police Service

#### **Board member apologies:**

Adele Kelly – Crown Prosecution Service  
Chloe Collins – National Health Service  
Donna Love – National Health Service  
Mandy McGregor – Transport for London  
Sharon Whittington – London Heads of Community Safety  
Siwan Hayward – Transport for London

### **1: Welcome and minutes and actions from previous meeting (06/06/24)**

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: Prison Early Release Scheme (SDS40)**

The Board was provided with an overview of Standard Determinate Sentence, 40% (SDS40) which will be implemented on 10/09/24 to mitigate prison overcrowding and enable the sustainable management of prison capacity.

### **3: MPS Updates**

The Board was advised that Operation Soteria has been invaluable in transforming services for rape victims. The MPS has made positive improvements in their services; charge rates in rape investigations have increased in recent years, the MPS works with the CPS to attain early charging advice, the MPS has a joint action plan with HMCTS to increase the charges which are successfully convicted at court, and victims are supported during the charging and court processes.

### **4: VAWG Board Outcomes Framework: Improving Prevention of VAWG**

**NHS:** The Board received an overview of the work and outcomes of the Stalking Threat Assessment Centre.

**VRU:** The Board received an overview of VRU VAWG programmes and the positive outcomes they have achieved.

**London Heads of Community Safety:** The Board was provided with examples of a range of programmes and campaigns delivered across individual and multi-boroughs.

**MOPAC:** The Board was provided with updates on MOPAC VAWG programmes.

### **5: Any Other Business**

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