

MOPAC Violence Against Women and Girls Board – 3 December 2024**Present:****Board members**

Andrea Simon – End Violence Against Women Coalition - Co-Chair
Alexis Boon – Metropolitan Police Service
Darren Mepham – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime - Co-Chair
Chloe Collins – National Health Service
Donna Love – National Health Service
Ghadah Alnasseri – Imkaan
Hannah Kuehn - London Councils
Helen Millichap – Metropolitan Police Service
Katie Nash – London Probation
Kevin Southworth – Metropolitan Police 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
Caroline Dart – Violence Reduction Unit
Claudia Dickens – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
Connie Stygall – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
Dionne Cameron – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
Eliza Tilbury – Metropolitan Police Service
Helena McKinnon – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
Jain Lemom – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
Jane Garvan – Metropolitan Police Service
Karen Thomas – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
Lisa Le Masson – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
Michael Taylor – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
Paul Rowan – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime
Ruth Bloomfield – Mayor's Office for Policing And Crime

Guests

Casey Mackins – Women's Resource Centre
Cate Baccas – Crown Prosecution Service
Lucy Dacey – Crown Prosecution Service

Board member apologies:

Adele Kelly – Crown Prosecution Service
Chris Thorne – His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service
Joanne Towens – His Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service

1: Welcome and minutes and actions from previous meeting (05/09/24)

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: Mayor's VAWG Strategy Refresh

The Board was advised that a draft Police and Crime Plan (PCP) will be published shortly and there will be an eight-week consultation period. The Board was provided with an overview of the priorities and commitments of the current VAWG Strategy. The Board provided feedback on how partnership working can support delivery of the VAWG Strategy and the role of the VAWG Board in implementing the Strategy.

3: VAWG Board Outcomes Framework: Improving Trust and Confidence in the Criminal Justice System

CPS: The Board was advised that rape cases are regularly reviewed, counsels are briefed, and RASSO prosecutors are trained, to identify and address any arising assumptions and misconceptions. Equally Ours was commissioned to research the language of assumptions and misconceptions; this has informed guidance for prosecutors and other victim-facing roles.

London Probation: The Board was advised that a risk assessment and safeguarding checks are conducted for each offender. Staff are trained on the role Probation plays in different types of civil proceedings; Probation is working with partners to improve information sharing and notifications of orders.

MPS: The Board was advised that there are multiple cross-cutting issues influencing public trust and confidence. Data on victim satisfaction is reviewed to consider the factors influencing different demographics.

4: MPS Updates

The Board was advised that the MPS is analysing the results of the Operation Soteria Bluestone Victim Experience Survey. The MPS work to improve support to RASSO victims includes a Transformation Plan and a Sexual Violence Reference.

5: Any Other Business

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