



MAYOR OF LONDON
OFFICE FOR POLICING AND CRIME

London Criminal Justice Board (LCJB)

Note of meeting: Friday 17th June 2025, City Hall

Attendees:

Kaya Comer-Schwartz, DMPC
Will Balakrishnan, MOPAC
Ruth Bloomfield, MOPAC
Caroline Tredwell, MOPAC
Connie Stygall, MOPAC
Claire Waxman, Independent Victims Commissioner for London
AC Pippa Mills, MPS
Cmdr. Ella Marriott, MPS
Henry Smithers, YJB
Anthony Lewis, LHoCS
Ian Blakeman, London Prisons
Mary Pilgrim, London Probation
Gabriel Amahwe, HMPPS
Adele Kelly, CPS London North
Lionel Idan, CPS London South
Fiona Bateman, ADASS
Casey Jenkins, Defence Council
Yolande Burgess, London Councils
Stephen McAllister, HMCTS
Grant Morris, HMCTS
Amy Hudspith, BTP
Michelle Hodgkinson, NHSE
Pinaki Ghoshal, ALDCS
DS Anna Rice, City of London Police

Apologies

Jaswant Narwal, CPS London North
Jo Towens, HMCTS
Althea Loderick, London Councils
Fiona Taylor, London Councils
Abbie Lane, Legal Aid
Hannah Stevens, Legal Aid
Lib Peck, VRU
Andrea Simon, EVAW

Item 1.1 Welcome & introductions, updates on actions & sign off minutes from the last meeting

Apologies were noted and minutes from the last meeting were signed off. The board went through the outstanding actions.

Item 2. Sign off reviewed workplan, TOR and outcomes framework

The board signed off the reviewed workplan and TOR. The LCJB Outcomes Framework will be shared with board members once finalised.

Item 3. Escalations from Sub-boards

The board went through any escalations from its sub-boards and added Grenfell Investigations to the next agenda.

Item 4. CJS Horizon Scan

A) Crown Court Sitting Days

HMCTS provided an update on London's sitting days allocation for this financial year 25/26 and outlined arrangements in place for London to assist with hearing South East cases.

It was agreed that the DMPC would escalate collective concerns from the board on the reduced number of sitting days in London with the Courts Minister.

Part B & C) Probation Changes and the Independent Sentencing Review

London Probation talked to Change Programmes including Presumptive Risk Assessed Recall Review (P-RARR), Home Detention Curfew 365 (HDC365), Impact and Fixed Term Recall 48 (FTR48). Probation capacity issues to deliver these changes and impact on the wider criminal justice system were discussed as a concern.

MOPAC talked to initial reflections of the Independent Sentencing Review Recommendations.

It was agreed that the board should attempt to model demand and capacity across the system where possible and with data available, to consider the demand implications on the CJS including probation and community services, resulting from the Sentencing Review and Criminal Courts Review.

Item 5. Integrated Victims Services

There was a renewed commitment from agencies to progress this work and for it to report to the Victims board.

Item 6. Immediate Release of Remand Defendants following Court

The MoJ presented their Pathfinder Project to improve the management of remanded defendants who are released immediately after their Court appearance. It was agreed that all relevant agencies would support the Pathfinder Project by sharing appropriate links with the MoJ and that the project would report to the Reducing Reoffending Board.

Item 7. Strengthening how Vulnerable Adults are Safeguarded in the CJS

The London Adults Safeguarding Board requested a renewed partnership commitment from CJ agencies to work alongside the London SAB Network to review operational and strategic safeguarding policy. It was agreed that partners would also explore the feasibility of developing or adapting a tool to address gaps in cross-agency information sharing.

Item 8. AOB

The London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association raised the data breach on Legal Aid agency, who are working with the LCCSA and MoJ to resolve with contingency arrangements in place.

Claire Waxman, Independent Victims Commissioner for London updated that the Victim Attrition research is due for publication on 15th July 2025.

The date of the next meeting is 15th September.