

## **London Domestic Abuse Partnership Board**

### **Membership**

#### **Core membership**

- Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime
- Greater London Authority
- Victim's Commissioner for London
- Association of Londoner Directors of Children's Services
- Association of Directors for Adult Social Services
- London Councils Housing Directors Group
- London Councils Housing Needs and Homelessness Group
- London Association of Directors of Public Health
- London Councils Grants Lead
- London Heads of Community Safety
- NW Collaboration of Clinical Commissioning Groups
- NHS SE London Clinical Commissioning Group
- Women's Resource Centre
- Imkaan
- GALOP
- Women's Aid
- Metropolitan Police Service
- Stay Safe East
- G15

#### **Associates**

- Hestia
- IKWRO
- Refuge
- Stonewall Housing
- Jewish Women's Aid
- LAWA
- Ashiana
- Respond
- Respect
- DAHA
- Abianda
- Sister System

## **Terms of reference**

### **1. Purpose of the board**

1.1 London's Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Partnership Board brings together partners key to improving outcomes for victims of domestic abuse and their children in safe accommodation. It will work together to support, advise and work in partnership with the Mayor to identify and fill gaps in provision, so that victims and their children are able to access to adequate and appropriate support.

1.2 In particular, it will advise and support the Mayor to carry out, in London, the functions set out in Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Bill for Tier 1 authorities. These are as follows:

- to assess, or make arrangements for the assessment of, the need for domestic support in London
- to prepare, publish and keep under review a strategy for the provision of such support in London
- to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the strategy
- to give effect to the strategy in carrying out its functions through commissioning and decommissioning decisions
- after the end of each financial year, to submit an annual report to the Secretary of State in relation to the exercise of the GLA's functions under Part 4 during the year
- to appoint a domestic abuse local multi-agency partnership board.

### **2. Responsibilities of board members**

2.1 The board will support the Mayor to ensure a strategic approach to improving provision for victims of domestic abuse and their children in safe accommodation in London.

2.2 It will:

- contribute to the development, and subsequent reviews and updates of, the needs assessment – including by facilitating access to intelligence and data as appropriate and supporting the Mayor to effectively engage with domestic abuse victims and expert services to understand the range, demand and complexity of needs.
- contribute to the development, and subsequent reviews and updates of, the strategy – including by facilitating the participation of and consultation with key stakeholders
- contribute to monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the strategy
- advise on and support the commissioning of new and existing services, in line with the objectives and policies of the strategy
- lobby the Government and other agencies to ensure that funding, policies, practices and structures enable the effective implementation of the strategy
- secure input from the organisations, networks and interests they represent or engage with, and feed this back to the Board, and ensure an effective flow of information from the Board to those organisations, networks and interests

- support London boroughs to cooperate with the GLA in exercising its Part 4 duty functions (as set out in the Bill), and with MOPAC in their role of supporting the GLA to exercise those functions
- contribute to the development and review of the Board's annual work plan
- support the Mayor to report to the Ministry of Housing, Local Government and Communities (MHCLG) on progress in delivering the duty
- convene and lead task and finish groups, where appropriate.

Its members will bring:

- expertise and knowledge
- the ability to make and influence decisions within their organisations and networks
- a commitment to act as ambassadors of the Board, with the aim of improving provision for victims of domestic abuse and their children in safe accommodation in London.

### **3. Membership of the board**

3.1 The board will be chaired by the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

3.2 It will have two tiers of membership:

- core, where members will be expected to attend all meetings and participate in all aspects of the Board's work
- associate, where members will be invited to attend meetings (or parts of meetings) and participate in specific aspects of the Board's work where it is of direct relevance to their organisation or network and does not give rise to a conflict of interest or put an organisation in a preferential position in the commissioning process.

3.3 The membership comprises not only of those organisations or interests required by the Bill but also others that can contribute to meeting the objectives set out above, including housing providers and domestic abuse service providers. The specific organisations, representative bodies and networks on the board have been selected following consultation with, and informed by advice from, key stakeholders. These include MOPAC, London boroughs, London Councils, service providers and partners from health, criminal justice and charities. The specific individuals from those organisations, bodies or networks have been selected by the organisation, body or network concerned.

### **4. Meeting arrangements**

4.1 The board will meet at least quarterly.

4.2 Members of the board will be active between these meetings, taking forward actions agreed at previous meetings and engaging on Board matters with the organisations,

networks and interests they represent and engage with. The GLA and MOPAC will work closely with members of the group between its main meetings, to ensure progress is being made towards agreed goals.

- 4.3 Members will be able to put forward suggested agenda items for consideration. Final agendas and papers will be circulated five working days before meetings.
- 4.4 Members are required to declare any potential conflicts of interest at the start of each meeting and to step out of the meeting for any item where a conflict arises.
- 4.5 The named member is expected to attend all meetings or, in the case of associate members, relevant or parts of meetings. If they are unable to attend, substitutes – who should fulfil the criteria set out in section 2.3 above - should come from the specific organisation or network that the member represents.
- 4.6 The Board will be serviced by MOPAC, which is supporting the Mayor to deliver the GLA's duties under the Bill.

## **5. Governance**

- 5.1 The Mayor is accountable in the delivery of the duty to MHCLG. MHCLG will establish a Ministerial-led National Expert Steering Group to oversee and monitor progress in relation to the Part 4 duty.
- 5.2 The GLA and MOPAC will ensure effective links between the London Partnership Board and other relevant Mayoral groups, including:
  - the MOPAC Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Board
  - the MOPAC VAWG Co-ordinators Group
  - the London Crime Reduction Board
  - the Homes for Londoners Board.

## **6. Reviewing the terms of reference**

- 6.1 The board will review the terms of reference annually.