

# LONDON DRUGS FORUM

## MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023

10:30am – 12:30pm

CH-G-1E

City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London E16 1ZE

**Chairs:** Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; Dr Tom Coffey OBE, Mayor's Senior Health Advisor

**Attended:**

Farrah Hart (GLA Group Public Health);	Kilvinder Vigurs (HMPPS);
Kenny Bowie (MOPAC);	Sharon Whitmore (HMPPS);
Kate Lloyd (MOPAC);	Rangan Momen (London Councils);
DAC Matthew Ward (MPS);	Martin White (NHS England);
DCS Ella Marriott (MPS);	Debbie Chown (MPS/MOPAC);
DCI Sean Lyons (MPS);	Emma Burke (OHID);
DS Adam Ghaboos (MPS);	DCI Ben Massink (MPS);
Alison Keating (OHID);	Ruth Hutt (LB Lambeth);
Prof Kevin Fenton (OHID);	Fiona Taylor (LB Barking & Dagenham);
Dr Caroline Copeland (NPSAD);	Sharon Whittington (RB Greenwich);
Dr Emily Finch (SLAM);	Arnold Yousef (VRU);
Rachael Millar (Joint Combating Drugs Unit);	Rukiya Gadid (MOPAC);
Jess Mullens (Collective Voice);	Connie Stygall (MOPAC);
Dan Greaves (LB Waltham Forest);	Karen Thomas (MOPAC)
	Will Haydock (Joint Combating Drugs Unit)

**Apologies:**

Cmdr Paul Brogden (MPS);	Karina Wane-Henry (VRU);
Althea Loderick (LB Southwark);	Sinead Dervin (NHS England);
	Tim Sampey (Build on Belief)

### **Welcome and Actions**

Co-chairs welcomed partners, noted apologies and reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.

### **MPS Drugs Strategy**

The Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) provided a top-level update on the plans for their Drugs Strategy, which utilises the 4Ps approach to policing – pursue, prevent, prepare and protect. They also provided an update on plans for the London-wide rollout of Project ADDER.

### **Reducing Drug Related Deaths**

Dr Caroline Copeland presented to members on the work of the National Programme for Substance Abuse Deaths (NPSAD) and discussed the need for greater access to coroners' data

to support partners understanding of drug deaths. Dr Copeland also demonstrated the level of information NPSAD could provide boroughs and partners with to better understand drug use and identify how best to target prevention and intervention measures.

The Joint Combating Drug Unit also provided an update on common themes and challenges emerging from London's Combating Drugs Partnerships.

### **Naloxone**

The MPS summarised their position on naloxone and commitment to review this again in 12-18 months. Partners including GLA Group Public Health Unit presented their position on naloxone provision.

### **AOB**

Co-chairs confirmed that chemsex, VAWG and substance misuse, and homelessness and substance misuse would be included on the July agenda.