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Gangs Violence Matrix update

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Report Summary

Purpose of this Paper

The purpose of this paper is to provide a briefing to the MOPAC and MPS Joint Audit Panel in relation to the Gangs Violence Matrix (GVM).

Key Considerations for the Panel

- i. The MPS believes the Gangs Violence Matrix to be a vital tool in reducing gang violence, safeguarding those exploited by gangs and preventing young lives being lost.
- ii. The MPS has worked extensively to address recommendations made by the Information Commissioner's Office and MOPAC in its use of the GVM.
- iii. The MPS fully recognises the need for communities to have confidence in how the GVM operates and has undertaken significant engagement to communicate its approach.
- iv. The MPS is committed to learning the lessons from the MOPAC and ICO review of the GVM.
- v. Oversight structures are in place to identify issues of delivery and community concern and escalate these as appropriate.
- vi. A joint MPS and MOPAC oversight structure has been put in place to monitor the response to recommendations made by the ICO and the MOPAC review

Recommendations

The Audit Panel is recommended to note the progress made against the MOPAC recommendations and governance arrangements for the Gangs Violence Matrix.

1. Supporting Information

Gangs Violence Matrix

- Gang related violence represents a significant percentage of the most serious and harmful offending and victimisation in London. A third of all non-Domestic or Counter Terrorism related homicides and nearly half of all shootings are gang-related.
- The Gangs Violence Matrix (GVM) is an intelligence and prioritisation tool developed by the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) to identify those most at risk of gang-related violence, either as offenders or victims. The GVM is a vital tool in reducing gang violence, safeguarding those exploited by gangs and preventing young lives being lost. Independent analysis by the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) published in the 'Review of the MPS Gangs Matrix' (December 2018) identified the positive impact of the GVM in reducing offending and victimisation.
- The MPS was issued with an Enforcement Notice by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) with 16 recommendations in relation to the GVM. Work to address these was led by DAC Duncan Ball, with oversight from MOPAC. Extensive work has been completed on data assurance, governance and practice. On 4 October 2019 the ICO wrote to the MPS agreeing the majority of its recommendations had been addressed.
- An outstanding area is the signing of Data Sharing Agreements (DSAs) with partners. The MPS stopped sharing the GVM with partners in November 2018 and this will only resume when DSAs are in place. The MPS is progressing these and hope to have them agreed by December 2019.
- The MPS has also worked with MOPAC to address recommendations made in its December 2018 review. Many of these recommendations have been met, and outstanding work on data sharing and capturing police and partner activity is due for completion in December 2019.
- The MPS has undertaken significant engagement with communities to improve understanding and seek feedback on the GVM. An external website has been created to provide information on the GVM, as well as share key documents and answer Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs). The learning from the GVM work is informing Information governance across the MPS, in particular the new MPS Data Strategy.
- A Joint MPS and MOPAC oversight structure has monitored response to the recommendations made by the ICO and the MOPAC review over the last 12 months. This group meets quarterly to check progress, provide support and present the opportunity to escalate any issues of concern. The work to address all recommendations is on schedule to be completed by December 2019.

MOPAC / MPS are considering future oversight arrangements, including the appointment of an independent reviewer to report annually on the GVM.

2. Equality and Diversity Impact

- The MPS recognises the need to continue to explain the use of the GVM and address concerns about BAME groups being disproportionately represented on the GVM. Police data and Accident and Emergency data indicates that young, African Caribbean men are disproportionately represented as offenders and victims of serious violence. The GVM is reflective of this. The MPS is committed to working in partnership with MOPAC to better understand the link between serious violence, deprivation and the GVM.

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