

London Victims' Board February 2021

Record of Meeting

| Attendees | |
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| Independent Victims Commissioner (chair) | VC |
| Mayors Office for Policing and Crime | MOPAC |
| Victims Reference Group | VRG |
| National Health Service | NHS |
| Metropolitan Police Service | MPS |
| Ministry of Justice | MoJ |
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| Ministry of Justice | MoJ |
| National Probation Service | NPS |
| Crown Prosecution Service | CPS |
| Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service | HMCTS |
| Victim Support (LVWS) | VS |
| Judiciary | J |
| Parole Board | PB |
| Magistrates Association | MA |
| Independent Bar Council | IBC |
| Crest Advisory | CA |
| Gate One Ltd. | GO |

Agenda Items

1. Welcome, introductions, and apologies

The Chair welcomed members.

2. Minutes and update on actions from last meeting

Minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

3. Strategic Needs Assessment for Victims in London

- MOPAC introduced a partnership of Crest Advisory and Gate One, who presented on their plans to deliver a Strategic Needs Assessment (SNA) for Victims in London.
- MOPAC recently commissioned this work to develop the evidence base to inform future commissioning plans in London.

- Crest and Gate One led a discussion on what works well for victims at the moment, the impact of the pandemic and where there may be scope for improvements.
- There will be opportunities for going engagement with partners of the board throughout the delivery of the project.

4. Embedding the revised Victims' Code

- The chair led a discussion on partners' readiness for implementation of new Victims' Code from 1st April including awareness raising, practitioner guidance and effective monitoring processes.
- All partners confirmed plans were in place to comply with the Victims Code from its implementation date.

5. Update from London's Victims' Commissioner and Partners

Victims' Commissioner

- Victims' Commissioner advised of a further roundtable held to better understand experiences of Black female victims.
- Key findings include:
 - the need for more informal spaces within services,
 - the need for services to embed trauma informed training through racial lens and;
 - tackle the immigration system working against migrant victims.
- This work will continue to be taken forward by the VCs office

MOPAC

- MOPAC has received further funding from the MoJ to support the domestic abuse and sexual violence services who have been under significant pressures during the pandemic.

Parole Board

A recent consultation into increasing the transparency of the parole process and victim involvement recently closed and responses are currently being reviewed.

6. Any other business

Nothing to note.