

DMPC Decision – PCD 639**Title: Mayor's VAWG Fund – Sustaining Innovation Sexual Violence Triage****Executive Summary:**

Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is a key priority in the Mayor's Policing and Crime Plan (2017-21). The refreshed London VAWG Strategy (2018-21) aims to reduce the prevalence of VAWG in London, tackling perpetrators and supporting victims and survivors.

This decision sets out the proposed approach to sustain the Sexual Violence Triage project that is currently part of the Home Office VAWG transformation programme. The current funding arrangement ceases in March 2020 and MOPAC seeks to sustain the project as part of Tranche 2 of the Mayor's VAWG Fund to be able to evaluate the impact of the project on managing the demand on MOPAC funded sexual violence support services.

The project is publicly known as the London Survivors Gateway and is delivered by a consortium led by Women and Girls Network.

The proposed funding arrangement for this project is included as part of the additional £15 million announced by the Mayor on 27th February 2019 (<https://www.london.gov.uk/press-releases/mayoral/mayors-15m-boost-to-tackle-violence>).

Recommendation:

The Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime is recommended to approve the award of a direct grant up to the value of £925,000 across an eighteen-month period (April 2020 to September 2021) to Women and Girl's Network as the lead provider of the Sexual Violence Triage.

Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct. Any such interests are recorded below.

The above request has my approval.

Signature**Date 27/11/2019**

PART I - NON-CONFIDENTIAL FACTS AND ADVICE TO THE DMPC

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1. In 2017 MOPAC were awarded funding over three financial years (Decision PCD291) through the Home Office VAWG transformation fund and Police Transformation Fund to support earlier intervention.
- 1.2. The Sexual Violence Triage project, publicly known as the London Survivors Gateway was established to develop a new way for survivors to access support in terms of advocacy, counselling and wider advice across the services commissioned in London. The project is being evaluated by MOPAC's Evidence and Insight Team which is using a logic model to assess the consistency of access, an interim report has recently been published with a final report due in July 2020.
- 1.3. The Mayor has committed to invest £15million of new money, across a three-year period to improve and increase the support that is available to victims and survivors of VAWG. This will be delivered in four tranches, the sustaining of the project is considered under Tranche 2
- 1.4. £3.4million has been allocated to Tranche 2; two further Home Office transformation projects are also being sustained as part of this budget.

2. Issues for consideration

- 2.1. The project delivers initial and enhanced support for 1500 people per year through single *pan-London point of contact for survivors; Complex Needs Independent Sexual Violence Advocates* in 6 partner organisations; and outreach services pan-London. It is also testing significant partnership arrangement which for the first time are bringing London's specialist sexual violence support providers together to deliver a fully inclusive pan-London service. The project has been based on the Essex Synergy Model but in addition includes the inclusion of male services and complex need ISVA's.
- 2.2. The Home Office Funding ends in March 2020 and MOPAC intends to sustain the project;
 - To utilise the full findings of the project evaluation to understand the impact of the project and how this affects the demand on MOPAC funded sexual violence support services.
 - To enable MOPAC and the Mayor to meet key priority areas in the Police and Crime Plan and VAWG Strategy. Further investment is required to ensure the commitments are fully delivered upon after the current funding arrangements ceases;
- 2.3. MOPAC intends to award the funding across an eighteen-month period to allow sufficient time for continued service delivery whilst the evaluation is finalised, as well as time for a strategy to be developed which will sustain the service improvements the evaluation identifies and that can then be enabled through integration with wider core sexual violence services.

3. Financial Comments

3.1

Budget	2020/21	2021/22	Total
Sexual Violence Triage	£615,000	£310,000	£910,000
Award a grant of up to;			

4. Legal Comments

4.1. In line with section 4 of MOPAC's Scheme of Consent and Delegation, the DMPC has authority for the:

- award of MOPAC contracts with a total value of £500k or above (section 4.15);
- approval of the strategy for the award of individual grants and the award of all individual grants (section 4.8).

4.2. In line with section 5.22 of MOPAC's Scheme of Delegation, the Chief Executive Officer has authority for the finalisation of planning and contractual/grant arrangements, including relevant terms and the signing of contracts and grant agreements.

5. Commercial Comments

5.1. The recommendation made in this report follows the principle requirements as documented in the MOPAC Contract Regulations and authorisation requirement as in the MOPAC Scheme of Delegation.

5.2. The programme managers will continue to monitor progress against project milestones which are documented under item 2. Such actions will help mitigate risk and ensure the contract delivers value for money.

6. Public Health Approach

6.1. This Grant Award is informed by the Mayor's public health approach to violence reduction and therefore part of MOPAC's contribution to overall efforts led by the Violence Reduction Unit.

7. GDPR and Data Privacy

7.1. The programme uses personally identifiable data of members of the public. GDPR issues are identified and mitigations will be put in place through an updated or fresh Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be completed by the provider(s), who will be the data controller(s) for the programme.

7.2. These requirements will be reflected in the standard GDPR compliance clauses contained within all contracts/agreements for this programme.

8. Equality Comments

8.1. The Equality Act 2010 puts a responsibility on public authorities to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination and promote equality of opportunity.

- 8.2. This requires MOPAC to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations by reference to people with protected characteristics. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
- 8.3. The promotion of VAWG support services supports MOPAC's equalities duties.
- 8.4. MOPAC is clear that the outputs from this programme of work will provide a better standard of provision to victims of survivors of VAWG whilst having a greater positive impact on certain groups in society who are disproportionately vulnerable to and affected by crime.

9. Background/supporting papers

- 9.1. [PCD 291](#)
- 9.2. [PCD 448](#)
- 9.3. [PCD 633](#)

Public access to information

Information in this form (Part 1) is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and will be made available on the MOPAC website following approval.

If immediate publication risks compromising the implementation of the decision it can be deferred until a specific date. Deferral periods should be kept to the shortest length strictly necessary.

Part 1 Deferral:

Is the publication of Part 1 of this approval to be deferred? NO

If yes, for what reason:

Until what date:

Part 2 Confidentiality: Only the facts or advice considered as likely to be exempt from disclosure under the FOIA should be in the separate Part 2 form, together with the legal rationale for non-publication.

Is there a **Part 2** form – NO

ORIGINATING OFFICER DECLARATION	<i>Tick to confirm statement (✓)</i>
Financial Advice The Strategic Finance and Resource Management Team has been consulted on this proposal.	✓
Legal Advice Legal advice is not required.	✓
Equalities Advice: Equality and diversity issues are covered in the body of the report.	✓
Public Health Approach Due diligence has been given to determine whether the programme sits within the Violence Reduction Unit's public approach to reducing violence. This has been reviewed and supported by a senior manager within the VRU.	✓
Commercial Issues The Contract Management Team has been consulted on the commercial issues within this report. The proposal is in keeping with the GLA Group Responsible Procurement Policy.	✓
GDPR/Data Privacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GDPR compliance issues are covered in the body of the report and the GDPR Project Manager has been consulted on the GDPR issues within this report. A DPIA has been completed and will be updated/renewed if required. 	✓
Director/Head of Service The Head of Service has reviewed the request and is satisfied it is correct and consistent with the MOPAC's plans and priorities.	✓

Interim Chief Executive Officer

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime.

Signature



Date

25/11/2019

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