

**MINUTES OF THE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE BOARD**

**Monday 18th July 2020 – 10.30am – 12.30pm**

**Microsoft Teams**

**Minutes**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Bev Hughes (BH Co-Chair), Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester, Police, Crime, Fire & Criminal Justice

Diane Kinsella (DK), Designated Nurse for Safeguarding, Salford Clinical Commissioning Group

Professor David Gadd (DG), Professor of Criminology, University of Manchester

Duncan Craig (DC), CEO, Survivors Manchester

Charlotte Curle (CC), Community Member

Sam Stabler (SS), Community Safety Manager, Manchester City Council

Detective Chief Superintendent Michaela Kerr (MK), Head of Public Protection, Greater Manchester Police

Karen Saffman (KS), Senior District Crown Prosecutor, CPS Northwest

Sandy Bering (SB), Strategic Lead Clinical Commissioner – Mental Health & Disabilities, NHS

Neil Evans (NE), Interim Assistant Director, GMCA

Shabnum Mustapha (SM), Assistant Director, News & Media, GMCA.

Dawn Royle (DR), Director of Transformation, Greater Manchester Police

Alison McKenzie-Folan (AM), Chief Executive, Wigan Council

Chris Edwards (CE), Regional Probation Director of Greater Manchester

Gail Heath (GH), Chief Executive, The Pankhurst Trust (incorporating Manchester Women's Aid)

BOLTON

MANCHESTER

ROCHDALE

STOCKPORT

TRAFFORD

BURY

OLDHAM

SALFORD

TAMESIDE

WIGAN

Nuala O'Rourke (NO), Head of Service, Safeguarding Stockport Council  
Debs Thompson (DT), Consultant Public Health, GMIC  
Memory Nyahunzwi (MN) Olive Pathway

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lucy Phelan (LP), Project Officer, GMCA.  
Jude Traharne (JT), Mother Mountain Productions  
Steve Bradbury (SB), Mother Mountain Productions  
Detective Superintendent Jude Holmes (JH), Corporate Lead Rape and Serious Sexual Offences, Greater Manchester Police  
Dave Kelly (DK), Head of Reform, GMCA  
Marie Vickers (MV), Sign Health  
Vicky Sugars (VS), Principle for Policing and Communities, GMCA  
Emma Stonier (ES), Partnership Officer, GMCA  
Lorna Moran (LM), Sign Language Interpreter  
Alex McDonald (AM), Sign Language Interpreter  
Carol Judge (CJ), Principal Officer Victims and Vulnerability, GMCA

### **APOLOGIES:**

Clare Monaghan (CM), Director, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire Directorate, GMCA  
Yehudis Fletcher (YF), Community Member  
Janice Allen (JA), Head Teacher, Falinge High School, Rochdale  
Terry Woods (TW), Deputy Chief Constable, Greater Manchester Police  
Dr Sharmishtha (Misty) Ghangrekar (MG), Safeguarding Lead, Salford Clinical Commissioning Group  
Damian Dallimore (DD), Head of Serious Violence & Organised Crime, GMCA  
Fiona Noden (FN), Chief Executive, Bolton NHS Foundation Trust

Katie Nicholson (KN), Deputy Chief Prosecutor, CPS Northwest  
Jane Gregory (JG Co-Chair), Manager, Salford Survivor Project

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

BH welcomed all to the meeting. BH introduced Dawn Royle, as a new member of the Board and Carol Judge, who will shortly be joining GMCA, taking a leading role in delivery of the GBV Strategy.

### **2. Minutes and actions of previous meeting 28.04.22**

The board agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were an accurate record.

### **3. Declarations of interest**

DC indicated a declaration of interest in respect of:

1. Decisions / influencing related to 'Victim & Survivor Advisory Panel' tendering process.
2. Decisions / influencing related to reinvigoration of 'Accord' if includes The Change Project and service delivery.

DG declared a declaration of interest in respect of:

1. A trustee of RESPECT.
2. The ADVANCE Perpetrator Programme for Substance Using Domestic Abusers.
3. Tendering for research and evaluation research grants routinely at the University of Manchester.

#### **4. 'Unbroken' virtual reality project**

A presentation was provided to board members to inform them of the 'Unbroken' virtual reality project which GMCA had invested £75,000 to be match funded with Windfarms, an organisation in Wales. The project is a way of empowering victims and raising awareness and understanding amongst professionals.

MV suggested considering the audience to accommodate accessibility, such as subtitles/interpreter. JT advised that accessibility is being considered, there is a caption service available.

CC asked if consideration had been given to potential misuse of the victim's experience to inflict further coercive control by people in positions of trust. JT advised that the module provides tools to identify coercive control and it is hoped that the learning from the module is used correctly. JH advised that GMP have developed a police perpetrator domestic abuse policy around this issue in response to a super complaint made by Centre of Women's Justice. BH reiterated that this is a live issue which is being acknowledged.

DC asked if there was a process for debriefing professionals following receipt of the training. JH advised that there is a whole package around the delivery of training and robust due diligence takes place ahead of any delivery.

MN asked if there is cultural content within the module for BME communities. JH advised that considerations are being given to provide content for BME communities and invited MN to aid the development of content.

NE advised that wider engagement would take place with board members in relation to the implementation of the Flourish Programme.

#### **5. Delivery Plan update**

NE outlined progress in respect of developing the delivery plan and progress made to date in respect of the key priorities following the last GBV Board meeting.

BH advised that the first GBV Executive meeting had taken place and going forward the minutes from those meetings will be provided to the board to monitor progress.

BH invited comments from the board against each priority.

*Priority 2 – Public engagement*

DT suggested linking in with Unlimited Potential and Salford foundation to shape coms and engagement around the positive male masculinity approach.

*Priority 4 – Ensure consistent services in all Greater Manchester communities*

CE asked if the delivery plan can be used as a tool to address systemic issues such as competing quality assurance standards regarding the perpetrator framework and data sharing across agencies.

BH advised that the GBV Executive will provide solutions to those issues. The perpetrator landscape is underdeveloped and the board has a chance to lead. NE advised that data sharing will be made explicit in the delivery plan and once the plan has been signed off it can be used as a tool.

MK informed the board that GMP are seeing an increased number of juvenile perpetrators which is an increasing concern. AC advised that juvenile perpetrators are a focus of the Youth Justice Transformation Programme due to differing legal frameworks.

In relation to consistent services, SB advised that funding has been confirmed for the pathfinder funding bids which will be mobilised shortly.

A discussion took place regarding supplementing the delivery plan with a condensed version with a breakdown of workstreams, deliverables and timelines to measure progress. NE advised that a user-friendly document will be finalised to assist the board to measure progress.

Board members authorised the draft delivery plan subject to finalisation of lead officers and timelines. BH thanked board members for comments and advised that the delivery plan will be finalised ahead of the next board meeting.

**Action 5: NE to demonstrate read across in the GBV strategy to work taking place elsewhere in relation to juvenile perpetrators.**

**Action 6: NE to feature the pathfinder funding in the delivery plan.**

## **6. Operation Soteria Bluestone**

JH provided the board with a presentation about operation Soteria Bluestone. The operation is a Home Office and NPCC supported programme that seeks to transform the investigation of rape, taking account of the government's end-to-end rape review. Greater Manchester Police is one of 8 Police Forces that will pilot phase 2. It is hoped a national operating model will be implemented based on the learning of the pilots in 2023.

NE asked if CPS had been involved in Operation Soteria to ensure a joined-up approach. JH advised that CPS Northwest are involved to ensure a collaborative approach.

BH reiterated that there is a need to ensure that work already undertaken by Greater Manchester such as the End-to -End Rape Review and RASSO Review is integrated to avoid duplication.

The board authorised the investment in resources to support the self-assessment stage and implementation of the recommendations from the Operation Soteria Bluestone and to nominate suitable ISVA services to take part in the self-assessment process.

## **7. Priority 5 – Housing**

DK informed the board of the ongoing work to implement the housing priority actions and the delivery of the Whole Housing Approach.

BH thanked DK and the team for developing the action plan in the appendix to the report and was pleased to see the commitment to include the views of people with lived experience in the evaluation and monitoring of progress.

A discussion took place regarding the reciprocal. DK advised that the reciprocal has not yet been mobilised but will be imminently.

## **8. Sign Health**

MV presented to the board about the work of Sign Health, a mental health charity for the deaf community which offers face to face support, remote ISVA services, prevention workshops, psychological therapies, social care advocacy and 24/7 partnership with Shout. Sign Health partner with NHS and other service providers and work with the Pankhurst Trust.

BH thanked MV for the input provided which gave real insight to take forward in relation to priority 4 of the GBV strategy.

MK invited MV to provide input at the Domestic Abuse Steering Group meeting.

**Action 7: LP to share MV contact details with MK.**

## **9. Safer Streets**

VS presented to the board on the outcomes and learning from the Safer Streets programme and highlighted the importance of focusing on women's safety on transport and on the street.

BH commented on the exceptional work and the impressive outcomes that the work has produced. A further report will be brought to a future board meeting.

## **10. AOB**

BH invited board members to express their views about the recent licencing of Hooters Bar in Salford and whether the board should make a public statement. NE shared a draft statement to approve/amend with board members.

A discussion took place and a consensus could not be reached. It was decided that the board do not make a public statement.

BH thanked board members for their commitment and hard work. A strong programme of work is being developed.

**11. Date of next meeting: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022, 2pm – 4pm, Venue to be confirmed.**