

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE BOARD HELD  
ON TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023 AT THE GREATER MANCHESTER CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Bev Hughes (BH, Chair)	Assistant Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire
Charlotte Curle (CC)	Community Member
Damian Dallimore (DD)	Assistant Director, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire, GMCA
Chris Edwards (CE)	Regional Director, NPS Greater Manchester
Neil Evans (NE)	Director, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire, GMCA
Professor David Gadd (GD)	Professor of Criminology, University of Manchester
Kate Green (KG)	Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire
Michaela Kerr (MK)	Detective Chief Superintendent, GMP
Memory Nyahunzwi (MN)	CEO, Olive Pathway
Terry Woods (TW)	Deputy Chief Constable, GMP
Shabnum Mustapha (SM)	Assistant Director News, Media, Communications, and Engagement, GMCA

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Dr Khatidja Chantler (KC)	Principal Investigator, HALT
Carol Judge-Campbell (CJC)	Victims & Vulnerability Principal, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire, GMCA
Sarah Keaveny (SK)	Head of Communications, GMCA
Bob Ward (BW)	Communications Manager Gender-Based Violence, Communications & Engagement, GMCA
Ashleigh Kent-Stallwood (AKS)	Project & Police Officer, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire, GMCA

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## **APOLOGIES**

Janice Allen, Sandy Bering, Rachel Conner, Duncan Craig, Yehudis Fletcher, Elaine Goodchild, Jane Gregory, Gail Heath, Alison Mckenzie-Folan, Katie Nicholson, Jane Pilkinton.

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

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions followed. Apologies for absence were noted.

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

Although not present at today's meeting, DC declared an interest regarding Item 8 on the agenda.

### **3. Chair's Announcement**

The Chair informed the Board that Internal Audit had recently drafted a report on Gender-Based Violence governance and delivery. Overall, it was positive but there were some points that the Board would need to consider. This included the consistency of Board attendance which would be looked at as part of the Board membership refresh.

JG had recently stepped down as Co-Chair of the Board and the position would be re-appointed in due course.

### **4. Minutes and Actions of Previous Meeting 2 May 2023**

The Board agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting were an accurate record. All actions were either completed, in progress or an Item on today's agenda.

### **5. Lived Experience – HALT Video**

Homicide Abuse Learning Together (HALT) created three films with ten victims / survivors of domestic abuse and seven family members who were bereaved due to domestic homicide.

KC introduced the second of the three films to the Board. "That Day" tells the story of the homicides on the day they occurred and powerfully conveys their impact.

MK informed the Board that the HALT films were launched in Manchester last year. and a lot of learning had come out of that around communication between forces, involving families in the review process, and avoiding duplicating involvement in

judicial processes. MK agreed to follow this up and either herself or Nicky Porter would provide an update report to the GBV Exec.

NE suggested that, as they had been given a statutory role around domestic homicide reviews, it may be helpful to invite the Domestic Abuse Commissioner to a future Board.

TW reported that GMP have had a huge push in terms of positive action around DA incidents over the last 12 months and offered to draft a report to outline this in detail. The Chair welcomed this and suggested that it was taken to the GBV Exec in the first instance. She would like to see statistics around DA reported to the Board on a regular basis.

**Action 23: MK / Nicky Porter to provide an update report to the GBV Exec on the action taken by GMP since the launch of the HALT films.**

**Action 24: TW to provide a report to the GBV Exec on the positive action taken by GMP regarding DA incidents over the last 12 months.**

**Action 25: CJC to invite the Domestic Abuse Commissioner to a future Board meeting.**

## **6. Lived Experience Reference Group**

CJC provided the Board with a written report which outlined the next steps to support the delivery of the Lived Experience Reference Group.

The Chair advised the Board that this was a draft report, and the final version would be circulated for sign off following today's meeting once the Board's comments had been considered.

CC commented that, although she knew that this was not the intention, the report read as if people with lived experience were a product that the Board would extract value from and then discard. She felt that it was important that the Reference Group were compensated for their time. It would be difficult for them to talk about their experiences and the Board would need to be mindful of their wellbeing and value their contributions. The Chair advised that these were all issues that were currently being considered.

The Deputy Mayor asked how the Reference Group would represent the voice of children and young people. The Chair advised that one of the roles of the Reference Group would be to reach out to other groups that were not represented to capture their voices and bring them to the Board.

The Deputy Mayor thanked CJC and MN for the work that had gone into this so far and added that the timescales set out in the report may need to be adjusted to accommodate time for the report to be redrafted and signed off.

The Chair asked that any further comments be sent to Carol Judge-Campbell at [carol.judge-campbell@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:carol.judge-campbell@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk) by Friday 30 June 2023. Subject to any further comments, the Board approved the report recommendations.

## **7. Update from the Executive**

NE provided the Board with a verbal update of the work and priorities of the Gender-Based Violence Exec.

The last meeting was well attended with every Local Authority represented at the appropriate level. Progress was outlined in respect of:

- Hospital-based IDVAs
- Public Engagement
- GM Trauma Response
- MARAC Review
- GMP VAWG Problem Profile
- GBV Data

The agenda had been set for the next meeting and the work plan was now in place.

## **8. Men and Boys Plan**

NE provided the Board with a written report which outlined a proposal to develop and implement a plan to tackle Intimate Violence Against Men and Boys.

The Chair advised the Board that this proposal was the first step before the plan was developed and welcomed their comments.

The Deputy Mayor commented that this was an important piece of work, and she would be interested to learn the difference and similarities between the drivers for intimate violence against men and boys and those for violence against women and girls.

## **9. Priority 2: Public Engagement**

SK and BW presented the Board with a written report which gave an update on the progress of the Communications and Engagement Strategy.

The Chair commented that it was great to see how the campaign had reached out into other spaces and to other audiences and was keen for this to continue.

The Board discussed how to continue embedding the existing campaign and what the next phase should focus on. They agreed that they needed to see the evaluation of the current campaign before they could fully answer these questions. NE suggested that it could be useful to set up a sub-group to develop future ideas.

## **10. Delivery Plan**

CJC presented the Board with a copy of the Gender-Based Violence Delivery Plan. The Chair advised that this was for the Board's information to show the work that was in progress and welcomed any comments.

NE commented that the Delivery Plan demonstrated the Board's ambition and that, whilst some of the work had been more complicated than first envisioned, good progress had been made. Going forwards, they needed to be clear around capacity and availability. The Delivery Plan would be updated in advance of each Board going forwards.

## **11. Any other Business**

### **Stalking and Harassment**

NE informed the Board that a proposal had been developed that would see a c.£600k investment over 2 years into the development of Stalking Assessment Centres, a key commitment in the Gender-Based Violence Strategy. £400k of funding has been committed from earmarked GBV funding. Further detail would be brought to the Board in due course.

MK informed the Board that GMP had recently contributed to the National Stalking Awareness Week with a five-day programme of CPD events which focussed on improving the awareness of stalking as an offence. GMP had also been chosen to pilot DAPNs and DAPOs.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

The October Board meeting would be an opportunity to look at the progress made to date and determine what the next priorities would be.

3 October 2023 – 14:00-16:00