

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE BOARD HELD ON TUESDAY 3 OCTOBER 2023 AT BROADHURST HOUSE, MANCHESTER

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bev Hughes (BH, Chair)	Assistant Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester
Janice Allen (JA)	Director, The Education Community Partnership
Alison Connelly (AC)	Offenders and Criminal Justice Principal, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire, GMCA
Duncan Craig (DC)	CEO, We Are Survivors
Charlotte Curle (CC)	Community Member
Elaine De Fries (EDF)	Vice Chair, Pankhurst Trust incorporating Manchester Women's Aid (On behalf of Gail Heath)
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
Memory Nyahunzwi (MN)	CEO, Olive Pathway
Lynzi Shepherd (LS)	Head of Mental Health, Learning Disabilities & Autism (Tameside) and GM Strategic Commissioning Lead for VCSE, Coproduction & Cooccurring Conditions, NHS GM Integrated Care (On behalf of Sandy Berring)
Vicky Sugars (VS)	Assistant Director, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire, GMCA
Terry Woods (TW)	Deputy Chief Constable, GMP
Shabnum Mustapha (SM)	Assistant Director News, Media, Communications, and Engagement, GMCA

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## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Isla Chilton (IC)	Senior District Crown Prosecutor, CPS North West
Carol Judge-Campbell (CJC)	Victims & Vulnerability Principal, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire, GMCA
Richard Hunt (RH)	Detective Superintendent, GMP
Rebecca Matthews (RM)	GMP
Lucy Phelan (LP)	Senior Partnership & Policy Officer, GMCA
Janet Potter (JP)	Deputy Chief Crown Prosecutor, CPS North West
Anne Stebbings (AS)	Chief Executive Officer / Manager, GM Rape Crisis
Lisa Waters (LW)	Deputy Directorate Manager, Saint Mary's SARC
Ashleigh Kent-Stallwood (AKS)	Project & Policy Officer, Police, Crime, Criminal Justice & Fire, GMCA

## **APOLOGIES**

Sandy Berring, Rachel Buckley, Jane Gregory, Alison Mckenzie-Folan, Julie Middlehurst, Katie Nicholsan, Andrea Patel, Jane Pilkington and Samantha Stabler.

### **1. Welcome, Introduction & Apologies**

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

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

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. Minutes and Actions of Previous Meeting 20 June 2023**

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

**Action 15** – NE to follow up with Mike Allen.

**Action 16** – some progress had been made; this would be included as an Item on the agenda for the next Board.

**Action 19** – an update had been provided at the August meeting of the Exec and this was recorded in the minutes which were included as part of the Agenda Pack for today's meeting. GMCA were looking to provide funding to develop a MATAAC

approach across GM. CJC was due to meet with LAs next week to determine how to take this forward.

All other actions were either closed, or on the agenda for today's meeting, or ongoing to come forwards in due course.

#### **4. Update from the Executive**

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

Regarding hospital based IDVAS, NE advised that this had been raised at the recent Health and Justice Round Table and work was underway to complete an assessment and review of the commissioning to get a better understanding of need, funding and further investment required.

#### **5. Lived Experience Reference Group Update**

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

CJC advised the Board that this report had come to a previous Board meeting but had since been re-drafted to incorporate Board Member's comments.

Regarding the recruitment and selection of the Lived Experience Reference Group, CJC advised that the standard of applications received was high, and ten candidates had now been appointed following interviews. Across the ten candidates, there were a range of experiences and backgrounds. The Deputy Mayor added that there were a couple of gaps in terms of diversity, and they would look to go back to the organisations on the Board to try and fill those. Detailed pen portraits of each of them would be provided to the next Board meeting.

The Deputy Mayor added that there was some cross-over planned with the Board with some Board Members to sit on the Reference Group and some Reference Group Members on the Board. The Chair suggested that, once the Reference Group have had an opportunity to meet each other, there should be an opportunity for them to meet the Board.

DC commented that, whilst a Lived Experience Reference Group was something new for the Board, there were lots of organisations who already had long-established groups in place and it would be important for the Board to draw from their experiences, rather than starting from scratch. LS offered her support in this regard.

**Action 26: CJC to provide detailed pen portraits of the individuals appointed to the Lived Experience Reference Group to the January Board meeting.**

## **6. RAOSSO**

The Chair advised the Board that the purpose of this item was to provide an update and get their thoughts / contributions regarding a detailed piece of work that had been going on for some time around improving the criminal justice outcomes for victims of rape and other serious sexual offences.

AC provided the Board with a copy of the Criminal Justice Delivery Data Dashboard which gave headline data analysis of adult rape offences and comparisons between GM data and national averages. AC also provided the Board with a copy of The Greater Manchester Sexual Violence Harm Reduction Partnership's Operation Soteria Empower Partnership Improvement Plan, which outlined the aims and how it would be delivered.

AC advised that any feedback from today's meeting would be fed into the next Round Table which was to be organised.

Representatives from the victim services support sector provided detailed overviews of the work their organisations were doing to support victims of rape and other serious sexual offences and of their experiences being part of The Greater Manchester Sexual Violence Harm Reduction Partnership. This included Anne Stebbings from Greater Manchester Rape Crisis, Duncan Craig from We Are Survivors, and Lisa Waters from Saint Mary's Sexual Assault Referral Centre. Other key agencies involved in the Partnership also provided a verbal input on this Item. This included Richard Hunt from Greater Manchester Police and Janet Potter from CPS North West.

CE commented that pillar two clearly pulled in the Probation Service, but pillar three ended at the point of conviction and suggested that it needed to reflect the support provided post-conviction.

JA asked if they had captured any data around adolescents and their experiences. AC advised that GM were part of a trial looking at recording children and young people's videos closer to their trial dates.

The Chair thanked everybody for their input and for providing a clear picture of this ongoing piece of work. A further update would be brought back to a future Board.

**Action 27: AC to provide a further update on Operation Soteria Empower to a future Board meeting.**

## **7. Audit Report**

CJC provided the Board with a written report which detailed the outcome of the Audit conducted into the operation and delivery of the Greater Manchester Gender-Based Violence Strategy. The full internal audit report was appended, and both were for noting only.

## **8. Board Refresh**

The Chair advised the Board that separate conversations would be scheduled with each of them individually to discuss them remaining on the Board going forwards as well as details of the refresh.

The Chair also advised the Board that she would be stepping down from her role as the Assistant Deputy Mayor at the end of the year and therefore the Deputy Mayor would take up the position of Chair of the Gender-Based Violence Board. She thanked everyone for their work and input during her time as Chair.

## **9. Delivery Plan / Forward Look**

CJC provided the Board with a written report which sought their views on key priorities to be included in the future work programme that would cover the next two-year phase of the delivery of the Gender-Based Violence Strategy.

NE advised that VS would lead this work over the next three months and proposals would be brought to the January Board. CJC asked that Board members email her with any thoughts on what they would like to see reflected in the next delivery plan at [carol.judge-campbell@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:carol.judge-campbell@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk).

**Action 28: All Board Members to email CJC at [carol.judge-campbell@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk](mailto:carol.judge-campbell@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk) with any thoughts on what they would like to see reflected in the next delivery plan.**

## **10. Any other Business**

### **Authentic Voice Proposal**

The Chair advised the Board that NE had written to them all with a proposition around authentic voice. GMP were not able to take this up, but GMFRS were keen to do so.

## **Mother Mountain**

The Chair advised the Board that the pilot was now complete. Both elements of the VR programme would be launched in November.

The Deputy Mayor thanked and congratulated the Chair on behalf of the Board for everything she had achieved in terms of leading on the development of the Strategy, and delivery since its publication. The Board concurred with a round of applause.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

23 January 2024 – 14:00-16:00