

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE BOARD
TUESDAY 2 MAY 2023 – 14:00-16:00
BROADHURST HOUSE, MANCHESTER
MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bev Hughes (BH, Chair)	Assistant Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester, Police, Crime, Fire & Criminal Justice
Sandy Bering (SB)	Strategic Lead Clinical Commissioner, Mental Health & Disabilities
Duncan Craig (DC)	CEO, We Are Survivors
Charlotte Curle (CC)	Community Member
Damian Dallimore (DD)	Assistant Director, Police, Crime, Fire & Criminal Justice, GMCA
Chris Edwards (CE)	Regional Director, NPS Greater Manchester
Neil Evans (NE)	Director, Police, Crime, Fire & Criminal Justice, GMCA
Professor David Gadd (GD)	Professor of Criminology, University of Manchester
Dr Sharmishta Ghangrekar (SG)	Safeguarding Lead, Salford CCG
Andrea Griffiths (AG)	Legal Manager, CPS North West (On behalf of Katie Nicholson)
Kate Green (KG)	Deputy Mayor of Greater Manchester, Police, Crime, Fire & Criminal Justice
Matt Boyle (MB)	Assistant Chief Constable, GMP (On behalf of Terry Woods)

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Gail Heath (GH)	Chief Executive, The Pankhurst Trust (Incorporating Manchester Women's Aid)
Memory Nyahunzwi (MN)	CEO, Olive Pathway
Nuala O'Rourke (NO)	Head of Service, Safeguarding & Learning, Stockport Council
Sam Stabler (SS)	Community Safety Manager, Manchester City Council

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shana Begum (SB)	Trustee, SafeLives
Rachel Connor (RC)	GM Resilience Hub Lead, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust
Carol Judge-Campbell (CJC)	Victims & Vulnerability Principal, Police, Crime, Fire & Criminal Justice, GMCA
Sarah Keaveny (SK)	Head of Communications, GMCA
Michelle Phillips	Head of Innovation, SafeLives
Nicky Porter (NP)	Chief Superintendent, GMP
Cate Sheppard	SafeLives
Jo Silver (JS)	Director of Practice, SafeLives
Emma Stonier (ES)	Senior Policy and Partnerships Officer, Police, Crime, Fire & Criminal Justice, GMCA
Bob Ward (BW)	Communications Manager, Gender-Based Violence, Communications & Engagement, GMCA
Ashleigh Kent-Stallwood (AKS)	Project & Police Officer, Police, Crime, Fire & Criminal Justice, GMCA

APOLOGIES:

Janice Allen, Yehudis Fletcher, Jane Gregory, Alison Mckenzie-Folan, Shabnum Mustapha, Katie Nicholson, Jane Pilkington, Terry Woods.

1. Welcome and Introductions

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

2. Minutes and Actions of Previous Meeting 24 January 2023

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

3. Declarations of Interest

DC and MN both declared an interest regarding Item 7 on today's agenda.

4. Update from the Executive

NE provided the Board with a verbal update of the work and priorities of the Gender-Based Violence Executive. Progress was outlined in respect of:

- Hospital-bases IDVAs
- Data
- Women with No Recourse to Public Funds (access to refuges and legal advice)
- GMP Problem Profile
- District Governance

The Executive had met twice since the last Board meeting. The minutes from the March meeting had been included as part of the Agenda Pack for today's meeting and the minutes from the April meeting would be circulated once they had been finalised.

Action 18: AKS to circulate the minutes of the April GBV Exec meeting to the Board once they had been finalised.

5. Delivery Plan Update

CJC provided the Board with a verbal update of progress made to date in the delivery of the Gender-Based Violence Delivery Plan.

Priority 3 – Education: the Expression of Interest for the educational programme had gone out and would be awarded in the next six weeks. Delivery would begin at the start of the next academic year.

Priority 4A – Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity: several meetings had been scheduled with the GM Disability Network and a Terms of Reference had been agreed.

A focus group had been organised to identify the experiences / needs of older people but there was a lack of interest and so it was to be re-arranged for a later date. GH and DC both offered their support with circulating the invitation for the next session. The NRPF bid submitted to the Home Office was un-successful. Each LA has been asked to put forwards £8k each to fund the GM Immigration Aid Unit to support 750 individuals with NRPF over the next three years via an SLA.

The Expression of Interest around honour-based violence had been awarded. A report was expected in the next 5-6 months which would guide this work going forwards.

Priority 4B – Perpetrator Framework: two of the five bids submitted to the Home Office had been successful. These related to work around adult perpetrators and lower-grade abuse and would both be integrated into existing work happening across GM. For the unsuccessful bids, the GMCA were currently looking at opportunities to potentially fund these and an update would be provided in due course.

5 – Housing: the Housing Reciprocal was in place and work was underway to educate Housing Officers on its implementation. Social landlords were being encouraged to become DAHA accredited and GM were looking to become the first regional authority to have a no tolerance policy for GBV.

A review of the two-year Delivery Plan would take place towards the end of the calendar year with a view to completing a refresh and first annual report. Further detail would be provided at the Board meeting scheduled for October. As part of this refresh, Board membership would be reviewed.

Action 19: CJC to provide an update on the funding for the unsuccessful Home Office perpetrator bids to a future meeting.

Action 20: CJC to provide further detail around the Delivery Plan refresh to the Board meeting scheduled for October.

6. Lived Experience Panel: Introduction & Work Plan

MN from Olive Pathway and SB, JS, CS and MP from SafeLives provided the Board with a presentation which outlined the work they were doing with the GMCA to establish a lived experience Panel. This included a proposal around how they were going to establish the panel and how the panel would engage with the Board.

The Assistant Deputy Mayor acknowledged the challenges regarding the recruitment and selection process and highlighted the importance of having a clear process which was as open and inclusive as possible and resulted in a Panel which represented a variety of points of view and experiences. She suggested that early consideration with the GMCA team was needed regarding the practical elements for the Panel including the terms of office.

The Deputy Mayor asked if there would be an open recruitment process in addition to identifying potential Panel members from known contacts. She also asked if the Panel would be supplemented with the experiences of those that were not members to represent a wider range of experiences. MP advised that both points were already being considered. NE added that the Panel was only one way in which the Board would be getting the voice of lived experience, which was explicitly stated in the GBV Strategy.

DC commented that it would be important to ensure that those who were recruited had the necessary skills to fulfil the role, such as public speaking, in addition to having

lived experience. CC added that those who were recruited would need to be paid / compensated for their time. GH highlighted that negative feedback, as well as positive experiences, needed to be captured through the Panel.

A further update on the progress of the lived experience Panel would be brought to the June Board meeting and in the interim DC and GH offered support in developing the proposals.

Action 21: To provide a further update on the progress of the lived experience Panel to the June Board meeting.

7. Mental Health Pathfinders for Victims & Survivors of Sexual Assault & Abuse

SB and RC provided the Board with a written report which outlined the proposed model for the new clinical service and gave an update on progress to date.

The Deputy Mayor thanked SB and RC and commented that it was encouraging to hear the progress that had been made so far. She highlighted the importance of taking time to get it right first time and asked if they were confident that they had the capacity to do this whilst maintaining business as usual in the current system. SB advised that they were confident that this would be possible.

8. Priority 2: Public Engagement

SK and BW provided the Board with a verbal update on the current phase of the #IsThisOK? campaign.

The most recent video was launched in December 2022 and was followed by an advertising campaign which ran to the end of February 2023. The next deliverables included a film series to be released imminently followed by a podcast series to be released in May. A full evaluation would then take place in May / June.

The Board watched the second film that would be released as part of the film series. SK and BW split the meeting in half, and each led a discussion around the next steps for the public engagement work, the Board's priorities for future public engagement work, and what was practical and achievable.

Overall, members felt that the current phase of #IsThisOK? should continue to be released and should broaden from then on. Consensus was that future work should tackle different types of GBV, feature different settings, and show how GBV affects different communities. Specific areas that were mentioned included: workplace misogyny, education, and behaviours in private settings (e.g., in the home).

9. Any of Business

Rape in GM

NE reported that GM had previously completed an end-to end review in respect of rape. A large part of the next Board meeting would be devoted to this subject to examine progress made to date and identify further work that was required.

Action 22: To include developing our approach to tackling and investigating rape as agenda item at the next Board meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20 June 2023 – 13:30-15:30