

Community Safety Scrutiny Commission

Monday 29 October 2018

7.00 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G01A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Eleanor Kelly

Chief Executive

Date: 19 October 2018



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PART A - OPEN BUSINESS

1. APOLOGIES

2. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within 5 clear working days of the meeting.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Members to declare any interests and dispensations in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.

4. WORKPLAN

5. OFFICER PRESENTATION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS (VAWG)

A paper is to follow.

6. VAWG PROPOSED REVIEW

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A draft scoping document on the proposed review into Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is attached.

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DISCUSSION OF ANY OTHER OPEN ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING.

PART B - CLOSED BUSINESS

DISCUSSION OF ANY CLOSED ITEMS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT.

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The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the sub-committee wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information:

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Scrutiny review proposal

1 What is the review?

Part 1

Overall review:

To look at how effectively Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) is being tackled in Southwark, with particular emphasis on the development of the emerging VAGW strategy, and the following key areas:

- Prevention;
- Protection and Support; and
- Effective Partnerships and Service Improvement

Part 2

What is Southwark Council doing and how will the VAWG :

Tackle sexual violence and harassment in schools and on our streets
Safeguard young women and girls from violence , reduce victimisation, tackle peer on peer violence and prevent girls and young women from becoming associated and /or exploited by gangs.

2 What outcomes could realistically be achieved? Which agency does the review seek to influence?

Outcomes:

- A better informed / positively influence the emerging VAWG strategy in Southwark
- Raised awareness of nature and extent of VAWG in Southwark
- Improved services
- Increased reporting of crime
- A better understanding and new strategies in place to prevent sexual violence and harassment in schools and on our streets

A better understanding and new strategies in place to safeguard young women and girls from violence , reduce victimisation, tackle peer on peer violence and prevent girls and young women from becoming associated and/or exploited by gangs

Key agencies:

- Council cabinet
- Southwark Safeguarding Board
- NHS & Health providers (GPs/ hospitals)
- Voluntary sector & faith community
- Local community at risk
- Education service & Schools
- Police
- Local business
- TFL

3 When should the review be carried out / completed? i.e. does the review need to take place before/after a certain time?

September 2019

4 What format would suit this review? (eg full investigation, q&a with executive member/partners, public meeting, one-off session)

3 meetings:

- Initial scrutiny meeting (look at the Officer/s report/s)-to drill down and find particular focus areas/themes
- Panel discussion/conference
- Final review

5 What are some of the key issues that you would like the review to look at?

The initial review: What Southwark Council is doing overall to tackle VAWG

General questions:

How far has the Council got in developing the VAWG strategy and what will this cover?

How has the implementation of the Women's Safety Charter gone and has its impact been assessed?

Specific areas

Tackling sexual violence and harassment in schools and on our streets

What data is available about the extent of sexual violence and harassment in schools and on our streets in Southwark? What data do the police, schools, social care and the education department have on the extent of sexual abuse in schools and how could this be improved ?

What resources are available in Southwark to prevent sexual violence and harassment in schools and on our streets ?

Are there examples of effective practice to prevent harassment in other areas?

What projects and innovations have developed in response to girls' and women's experiences of harassment?

What are the future challenges to delivering successful awareness raising work?

Does Southwark Council have a programme to improve safety in public spaces at all times of day and night including , unwanted behaviour on the transport network, tackling attitudes of everyday sexism and misogyny?

Sex/relationship education -what role does the the council and the NHS have in this ? ? What is the uptake on material offered? How much influence does the council have over content and delivery in the range of Southwark schools?

How are we working to encourage positive attitudes, behaviours and healthy relationships amongst children

and young people , including specialist advocates in schools?

Safeguard young women and girls from violence, reduce victimisation, tackle peer on peer violence and prevent girls and young women from becoming associated and/or exploited by gangs.

What data is available on the extent of violence against women (e.g assault , knife crime e.t.c)

What data is available about the extent of issues affecting gang exploited /associated girls and women in Southwark?

What services exist to prevent women and girls from becoming exploited /associated with gangs?

What is the pattern of take up of prevention services?

What is the current level of resource for prevention services in Southwark?

Are there examples of effective practice in other areas?

What are the future challenges to delivering successful prevention and awareness raising work?

How do Southwark and its partner organisations work to prevent women and girls from becoming exploited / associated with gangs?

What could be done to enhance the effectiveness of work in this area?

6 Who would you like to receive evidence and advice from during the review?

Girls and women's groups

Southwark Social Care

Hospitals and local NHS Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

Police Borough Commander

GLA

Local voluntary projects

Youth projects (obtain a list of youth clubs in Southwark)

Faith community

Dioceses representatives (schools)

Head teacher networks

Academy chains

Individual schools willing to engage

Key organisations:

- Bede's
- Solace Women's Aidⁱ
- The Big Local
- United St Saviours
- Southwark Wellbeing Hubⁱⁱ
- Pause Southwarkⁱⁱⁱ

7 Any suggestions for background information? Are you aware of any best practice on this topic?

Southwark

Southwark's domestic violence strategy: <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/community-safety/domestic-violence-and-abuse/domestic-violence?chapter=3>

Female Genital Mutilation in Southwark - Southwark Council:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/.../JSNA%202018%20-%20FGM%2020180711.pdf>

Safeguarding:

<http://safeguarding.southwark.gov.uk/southwark-safeguarding-board/cs-p/vawg/>

Safer Southwark Partnership Domestic Abuse Strategy:

<http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s52522/Appendix%201%20Domestic%20Abuse%20Strategy.pdf>

Council reaffirms pan-London agreement to tackle domestic violence housing issues:

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/news/2018/jul/council-reaffirms-pan-london-agreement-to-tackle-domestic-violence-housing-issues>

Overview of council VAWG services Southwark:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/gla_migrate_files_destination/Appendix%20L%20Southwark%20VAWG%20Services.pdf

The London VAWG Consortium: <https://thelondonvawgconsortium.org.uk/find-services-in-your-borough/southwark/>

Review of Services Relating to Domestic Violence and Abuse in Southwark 2012:

<http://moderngov.southwark.gov.uk/documents/s32537/Appendix%20A%20Review%20of%20Services%20Relating%20to%20Domestic%20Violence%20and%20Abuse%20in%20Southwark%20Report%20of%20Housi.pdf>
<http://www.lsbu.ac.uk/about-us/news/report-gangs-more-money-than-territory-orientated>

Government:

Government's strategy on VAWG:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/strategy-to-end-violence-against-women-and-girls-2016-to-2020>

House of Commons briefing Number SN4304, 16 March 2018. Knife crime in England and Wales:

https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201617/cmselect/cmwomeq/91/9103.htm?utm_source=91&utm_medium=sumbullet&utm_campaign=modulereports

Transformation fund (ideas for different approaches):

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/624977/20170704_VAWG_service_transformation_fund_successful_applicants.pdf

Scotland's VAWG strategy: <https://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Spotted-Obligations-to-Protect-Women-StudentsEy-Safety-Equality.pdf>

GLA

Mayor of London strategy on VAWG:

https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/vawg_strategy_2018-21.pdf

Other councils:

Lambeth's VAWG strategy:

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/ssh-safer-lambeth-vawg-strategy-2016-2020_0.pdf

Domestic Abuse Prevention Strategy 2018-2023 - Birmingham City:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/.../domestic_abuse_prevention_strategy_2018_-_20...

[Prevention Strategy 2018-23 that sets the challenges and ... The national strategy Ending Violence against Women and Girls \(2016\) emphasises the importance ...](#)

Manchester: <https://www.greatermanchester>

[ca.gov.uk/news/article/368/gmca_takes_a_step_forward_in_challenging_male_violence_against_women](https://www.greatermanchester.ca.gov.uk/news/article/368/gmca_takes_a_step_forward_in_challenging_male_violence_against_women)

[https://www.google.com/search?biw=1371&bih=661&ei=9QulW-HuG4yegQbR-KWQAw&q=2018+violence+against+women+strategy+manchester&oq=2018+violence+against+women+strategy+manchester&gs_l=psy-](https://www.google.com/search?biw=1371&bih=661&ei=9QulW-HuG4yegQbR-KWQAw&q=2018+violence+against+women+strategy+manchester&oq=2018+violence+against+women+strategy+manchester&gs_l=psy-ab.3...90952.94307.0.94656.12.12.0.0.0.0.320.1289.9j2j0j1.12.0....0...1c.1.64.psy-ab..0.0.0....0.ZOOMEVZ1lql)

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Training courses:

<http://rightsofwomen.org.uk/training-and-events/current-courses/>

Knife crime/ women and girls in gangs

Knife crime article: https://www.theguardian.com/society/2018/aug/26/death-toll-london-reaches-100-knife-crime-gang-violence?CMP=share_btn_fb

Independent academic report entitled 'From Postcodes to Profits:

<https://walthamforest.gov.uk/content/waltham-forest-council-publishes-ground-breaking-report-shows-how-gangs-are-more-money>

Using performing arts to tell stories challenging stories:

<https://www.urbantransformations.ox.ac.uk/blog/2018/communicating-the-experiences-of-violence-against-women-and-girls-vawg-among-brazilian-migrants-in-london-reflecting-on-the-role-of-the-performing-arts/>

Gangs draw up lists of girls to rape as proxy attack on rivals in the Guardian (19-07-14), accessed online at:

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2014/jul/19/gangs-rape-lists-sex-assault>

Sexual Violence in parts of UK as bad as warzones,

<http://www.theguardian.com/society/2013/nov/26/gangs-sexual-violencewarzones>

General sites:

<https://www.endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Spotted-Obligations-to-Protect-Women-StudentsEy-Safety-Equality.pdf>

Community programming to tackle VAWG: https://www.womankind.org.uk/docs/default-source/resources/vawg_guidance2_community-programming1.pdf?sfvrsn=2

Street harassment

Plans new report: <https://plan-uk.org/file/plan-uk-street-harassment-reportpdf/download?token=CyKwYGSJ#>

- 8 What approaches could be useful for gathering evidence? What can be done outside committee meetings?**
e.g. verbal or written submissions, site visits, mystery-shopping, service observation, meeting with stakeholders, survey, consultation event

Interviews with key people (meeting stakeholders)
Visiting organisations
Talking to other councils and the GLA
Government ministers

ⁱ Southwark Advocacy and Support Service (SASS) delivered by Solace Women's Aid

- A borough wide flagship service, with a new centre for domestic violence and a single point of entry – one phone number, one email
- 24/7 access to the service, with an advocate response time to high risk victims of four hours
- Services for all male and female victims of domestic abuse over 16
- Specialist support programmes for children and young people, with parallel workshops for mothers
- Training days for external agencies
- A domestic abuse champions training programme for up to 60 nominated council staff per year
- Domestic abuse awareness workshops for up to 48 survivors a year and survivor peer support groups
- A perpetrator programme
- A service user forum and a volunteer programme, open to local residents
- Added value in terms of access to an advice service and peer support programmes
- A sanctuary scheme to prevent victims becoming homeless
- Specialist Counselling for victims of sexual and domestic abuse

ⁱⁱ <http://www.together-uk.org/southwark-wellbeing-hub/the-directory/9455/women-girls-network/>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.theguardian.com/society-professionals/2016/nov/30/guardian-public-service-awards-2016-care-winner-pause-southwark>

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