

1 What is the review?

Part 1

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 can Southwark Council do to help:

- Tackle sexual violence and harassment in schools, on our streets and public transport
- Promote healthy relationships
- Tackle child trafficking and Modern Slavery

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 of what is taught in schools around healthy relationships
- 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
- A better understanding of child trafficking in our borough and how the modern slavery charter can be put into practice

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
- Roundtable discussions, surveys and scrutiny meeting
- 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:

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 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?

Taking child trafficking in Southwark

What is the council currently doing to tackle child trafficking in our borough?

What actions should be doing to tackle child trafficking in our borough?

Are Southwark Council members and staff equipped to spot child trafficking e.g. estate officers, councillors

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

Girls and women's groups

Police Borough Commander

GLA

Local voluntary projects

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

Faith community

Dioceses representative (schools)

Head teacher networks,

Academy chains

Individual schools have been willing to engage

National organisations working on child trafficking and Modern Slavery

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%20%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>

Modern Slavery statement and policy on line

http://thesource.southwark.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/contracts/guidance--training-materials-and-bulletins/general-guidance-notes/modern-slavery-act-2015/?_ga=2.124780808.328447634.1546848982-569231312.1546848982

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_s

[ource=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-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

Training courses

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

Street harassment

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

Child trafficking

<https://www.ecpat.org.uk/about-us>

<http://chiswickherald.co.uk/barnardo-s-warns-child-trafficking-in-london-is-on-the-rise-p3533-249.htm>

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/child-trafficking-referrals-in-uk-hit-record-high-figures-show-a7665201.htm>

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<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-abuse-and-neglect/child-trafficking/child-trafficking-facts-statistics/>

<https://rightsinfo.org/uk-child-trafficking-doubles/>

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

Safeguarding data – harassment and abuse

- In school
- On way to school
- In the community
- At home

Survey: to all schools primary and secondary school head / safeguarding leads, higher education institutions and youth groups in Southwark

Potential questions:

Do they teach students about healthy relationships?

If yes, do they follow a specific curriculum? Where do they get their resources from? Who teaches the lessons? Would they be willing to share their resources with the council?

How effective do they think the resources are?

Is there anything the council can do to help e.g. provide educational resources

Do they have specific processes with dealing with different types of abuse e.g. street harassment, online abuse etc...

How to they think sexual violence and harassment can be reduced?

Would they and some of their students (14-18 years old) be willing to to take part in a roundtable discussion

Roundtable discussion with 4 schools, higher education institutions or youth clubs

(Notes William Hounbo said he is willing to talk to the Salmon Centre about hosting a roundtable discussion and he can chair a group, I am going to talk to COLA in South Bermondsey, I was also going to talk to Lisa Dalton a local community activist to see if she has any suggestions. I am also talking to a number of councillors who are teachers to get their advice)

Suggested talking points for a round table discussion:

What is a healthy relationship

Who taught you what a healthy relationship looks like

Can you give examples of an unhealthy relationship

What is harassment

Have you ever been harassed and where

Did you report it/ do you know where to report it?

Other activities:

Before the next commission: Leanne to talk to all of the relevant cabinet members and to conduct research into what other councils are doing to promote healthy relationships, tackle sexual violence and harassment of girls and combat

Next commission meeting in the Council:

Two parts:

Tackling sexual violence and harassment in schools and on our streets

David Stringer (MET)

Florence Eshalomi (London Assembly Member for Transport)

A headteacher / safeguarding lead

Tackling child trafficking / Modern Slavery

- Detective Superintendent Sean Oxley – Safeguarding Lead for Central South
- DI Paul Graves – Deputy in Safeguarding Hub for Central South

The input provided will be on the new Safeguarding Hub for Central South that covers the Criminally Exploited Children, Child Sexual Exploitation and Missing Children.

Vicky Brotherton (Anti-trafficking monitoring group coordinator)-Leanne has been in touch

Tamara Barnett : Human Trafficking Foundation

Catherine Baker Senior Research, Policy and Campaigns Officer, ECPAT UK
Relevant council members