

## LCRB Victims' Board

### January 2020 - Record of Meeting

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#### **Attendees:**

Independent Victims' Commissioner for London  
MOPAC  
Victim Support  
MoJ  
CPS  
HMCTS  
London Councils  
Victims Reference Group  
Magistrates Association  
Parole Board  
Probation  
MPS  
Judiciary  
NHS  
Gate One  
Gate One  
Crest Advisory  
Bar Council

#### **Agenda items**

##### **1. Welcome, introductions and apologies**

The Chair welcomed attendees.

##### **2. Notes and actions from the last meeting**

The notes from the meeting of 23 September 2019 were agreed and actions updated.

##### **3. Presentation from Gate One Limited: VCoP consultancy work**

Representatives from Gate One and Crest attended to present on their early plans to take forward a review published by the Victims Commissioner to improve compliance with Code of Practice for Victims of Crime across London.

##### **4. Partner updates and key events**

Independent Victims Commissioner:

Claire Waxman updated on some pieces of work she will be progressing and some issues she has been picking up through contact with victims. This included an update that MOPAC will be conducting the second part of the rape review, looking specifically at the issue of digital disclosure and practices. The research will be looking at roughly 450 cases, 150 from 3 different windows of times.

Victim Contact Scheme:

Probation advised they will be looking at serious further offence reports will be focussing on how findings are relayed or reported to victims and what support is offered to them in these cases.

Victim Support:

VS shared that they continue to be busy delivering the homicide service and London Victim and Witness Service, supporting victims to cope and recover. They will be launching an online, secure digital support space for victims in March 2020 which will be an innovative and exciting tool.

**Action** - Victim Support to share details of online service offer with board members. (Update: please see <https://londonvws.org.uk/mysupportspace>)

MOJ:

MOJ advised that they continue to move towards the Victim's Law as law and order remains a key priority for the new government. MOJ advised that the Victim Code must be agreed first, then the detail of the Law can be set out. Public consultation will follow.

**5. Any other business**

Nothing of note.

**Next Meeting:** April 2020