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The London Public Health Forum presents:

All About Women: Progressing the Women's Health Strategy and tackling Violence Against Women and Girls in London

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via MS Teams

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House Keeping



Please stay on mute unless you are speaking.



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London Victims and Witness Service [Home - London Victim and Witness Service \(londonvws.org.uk\)](https://londonvws.org.uk) Free, confidential and independent support for victims and witnesses of crime in London including domestic abuse and sexual violence

London Survivors Gateway [Looking for support after sexual violence? \(survivorsgateway.london\)](https://survivorsgateway.london) the hub for London's sexual violence provision

National Domestic abuse helpline [Home | Refuge National Domestic Abuse Helpline \(nationaldahelpline.org.uk\)](https://nationaldahelpline.org.uk) 0808 2000 247

NHS run sexual assault referral centres (SARCs) [Help after rape and sexual assault - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

London Holistic Wraparound Advocacy Service [London Holistic Advocacy Wrap-Around Service - Southall Black Sisters](https://southallblack.org.uk) service for black and minoritised women experiencing VAWG

Pan London Harmful Practices Helpline [EHP Helpline | AWRC | Women's services Brent | Welfare advice Brent | Women's services Brent \(asianwomenscentre.org.uk\)](https://asianwomenscentre.org.uk) for women who have experienced Female Genital Mutilation, Forced Marriage, 'Honour' based violence and other harmful practices.

Objectives

This London Public Health Forum brings together public health leaders, practitioners and their teams from across London to:

- Reflect on progress on tackling the gender health gap since the first Women's Health Strategy for England was launched in July 2022
- Hear how the vision to improve women's health outcomes is taking shape in London to address gender inequality and disparities between different groups of women to improve women's health outcomes across the life course
- Share a regional approach to safeguard women and girls against violence and why it's a critical health issue
- Identify opportunities for further action and collaboration

Programme

14:00 Welcome and rationale for focusing on women's health

Professor Kevin Fenton and Jane Clegg – Session Co-Chairs

Regional Director London, Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID)

Regional Chief Nurse, NHS England (London region)

14:05 Keynote: Women's Health Strategy for England

Professor Dame Lesley Regan, Women's Health Ambassador for England

Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at Imperial College's St Mary's Hospital

Campus, and Honorary Consultant in Gynaecology at the Imperial College NHS

Trust

14:25 The impact of violence against women and girls

Dr. Claire Cunnington, Research Associate, Sheffield University

14:35 Making a positive impact in London

Jemma Gilbert, Director of Transformation, Transformation Partners in Health and Care

14:40 Violence against women and girls as a public health issue – London's approach

Jain Lemom, Head of Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls, MOPAC

14:55 Panel reflections

Dr. Will Maimaris, ADPHL and DPH London Borough of Haringey

Lucy Hadley, Head of Policy, Women's Aid

Gwen Kennedy, Director of Nursing Leadership & Quality, NHS England (London Region)

15:10 Audience Q&A to speakers

15:25 Summary and session close

Professor Kevin Fenton and Jane Clegg – Session Co-Chairs

Facilitator's Biographies

Professor Kevin Fenton CBE MBBS (Hons) MSc PhD FFPH



Professor Fenton is a senior public health expert and infectious disease epidemiologist, who has worked in a variety of public health executive leadership roles across government and academia in the UK and internationally, including taking a leading role in London's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He was awarded a CBE in the 2022 New Year honours list for services to public health.

Professor Fenton became the Regional Director for London in the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) within the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) in October 2021, having previously held the same position within Public Health England from April 2020 until its functions transferred to OHID. Within this role, he is also the statutory public health advisor to the Mayor of London and the Greater London Authority and the Regional Director of Public Health for NHS London. He provides leadership across London for health and wellbeing, prevention of ill health, health protection and reduction of health inequalities.

Professor Fenton has recently taken up the office of President of the UK Faculty of Public Health. In December 2021, Professor Fenton was appointed Chief Advisor on HIV to Government and Chair of the HIV Action Plan Implementation Steering Group to oversee the delivery of the new HIV strategy for England.

In November 2020, Professor Fenton was named by Powerlist as the second most influential black person in Britain for his work leading the fight against coronavirus and his public health leadership on tackling inequalities. In Spring 2020, he oversaw the national PHE review of disparities in risks and outcomes of COVID-19, published as the ground-breaking 'Beyond the Data' report. The review led to recommendations which have shaped a more equitable COVID-19 pandemic response, both nationally and locally.

Jane Clegg MBE, RN, SCPHN(HV), BSc, MSc



Jane is an experienced nurse, manager and leader. She trained as a nurse in Oxford and worked in Edinburgh before moving to London where she spent several years working first in adult acute services and then in community services as a health visitor and manager. She has held Board level posts for almost 20 years in both provider and commissioning organisations, is a past participant of the King's Fund UK Nurse Leadership Programme and a Florence Nightingale Leadership Scholar.

In NHS England, Jane leads the nursing directorate and a number of pan-London programmes including the Learning Disabilities and Autism programme, the Maternity and Babies, Children and Young People transformation programmes, all aimed at improving health and health outcomes for Londoners.

Working with colleagues in trusts and Integrated Care Systems, she is committed to making London the place for nurses and midwives from all backgrounds, to develop and have careers that excite and challenge.

Professor Dame Lesley Regan DBE MD DSc FRCOG



Dame Lesley Regan is Professor of Obstetrics & Gynaecology Imperial College London at St Mary's Hospital Campus where she continues her clinical practice in Reproductive Medicine.

As Past President RCOG, she led the "Better for Women" report, published in December 2019, which shone a spotlight on taboo topics such as poor access to contraception, abortion, period problems, menopause and domestic violence and abuse. The key recommendation of this hard hitting report was the urgent need for an NHS-led Women's Health Strategy.

In 2020, Lesley was awarded a DBE for her services to Women's health in the late Queen's New Years Honours list. In June 2022 she was appointed Women's health Ambassador for England to help implementation of the DHSC's Women's Health Strategy.

Dr Claire Cunnington



Dr Claire Cunnington is a researcher at the Department of Sociological Studies, University of Sheffield, UK and a survivor of childhood sexual abuse (CSA). She is interested in interpersonal violence, inequality and stigma, with a particular focus on CSA and trauma.

Her Wellcome Trust funded doctoral research asked adults recovering from CSA what helped and hindered their recovery. She is currently working on a Nuffield funded project looking at domestic violence and child protection. She has also made the film 'Flow' about CSA disclosure which was selected for the Birmingham International Film Festival and is submitted, at their request, to the World Health Organisation Health for All Film Festival.

She blogs at www.clairecunnington.com, tweets @Cunning_Claire and is also on mastodon @DrC@mastodon.online

Jemma Gilbert OBE, FRSA



Jemma Gilbert is currently Director of Transformation at Transformation Partners in Health and Care (formerly Healthy London Partnership).

With expertise in large scale change, she has directed regional transformation programmes for over 20 years, implementing London's vision to be the healthiest global city.

Jemma has a strong track record in harnessing collective action through city-wide partnerships, engaging across sectors, communities and promoting lived experience. She developed London's first strategy for Primary Care Transformation and currently oversees a portfolio of programmes designed to tackle health inequalities. These range in scope from developing new personalised, integrated or digital services, to tackling societal stigma and enhancing VCSE capacity.

In 2021, she received an OBE for services to healthcare in London during the pandemic, successfully leading efforts to protect Londoners experiencing homelessness.

Jain Lemom



Jain Lemom is the Head of the Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) team at the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC), leading the team that on behalf of the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan.

She has extensive experience in working with victims and survivors, partner agencies and community groups to develop policies and interventions to make a real difference to the lives of women and girls in London. Since 2016, her team has overseen more than £112m in Mayoral investment in preventing VAWG, supporting victims and tackling perpetrators – services that reach tens of thousands of Londoners each year. Jain and her team have also provided expert advice for the Mayor's #Haveaword campaign, which has reached an audience of millions worldwide. Jain is locally, nationally and internationally recognised for her work in keeping women and girls safe.

She chairs a number of London-wide forums bringing partners from a range of sectors to work through strategies on prevention, support to victims and tackling perpetrators of VAWG; has spoken at numerous national events; and has also addressed the United Nations. Jain had an extensive career in public service prior to joining MOPAC, working for the Greater London Authority, London Councils and the Association of London Government. She has also worked in the banking industry and in the voluntary and community sector.

Dr Will Maimaris



Will has been Director of Public Health in Haringey since 2018, including leading Haringey's local public health response to the COVID pandemic. Will is passionate about improving the health and wellbeing of all Haringey's residents and believes this can only be done by working closely with local communities.

Will is committed to the development of the public health workforce and is accredited as a professional appraiser for public health consultants and as an Association of Directors of Public Health Mentor. Outside of work Will likes to spend time with his two daughters and (injuries allowing) play regular six a side football.

Lucy Hadley



Lucy Hadley is Head of Policy at Women's Aid Federation of England and leads the charity's policy development, including on long-term funding for specialist refuge services, safety in the family courts, and work to implement the landmark Domestic Abuse Act. Lucy has led the charity's engagement within government and parliament and regularly represents Women's Aid in broadcast media and previously held policy advisor and development roles for a Member of Parliament, within local government and in an international NGO.

Gwen Kennedy



Gwen has held senior executive leadership and management positions for many years, including across both health and social care organisations. Gwen is an adult nurse and health visitor by background and has extensive clinical leadership experience and a sound safeguarding knowledge for both children, young people, and adults. Gwen has led portfolios of change management across a wide range of organisations and service areas, including mental health services, continuing healthcare and safeguarding. Gwen is currently the NHSE national lead of FGM.

Further Reading and Resources

[Are you listening?](#) Women's Aid 7 Pillars for a survivor-led approach to mental health support.

[Flow. \(Video\)](#) A film about disclosure of childhood sexual abuse.

[Government enough campaign.](#) This website talks about abuse towards women and girls, but the support offered here is available to all victims.

[Have A Word With Yourself, Then With Your Mates \(Video\)](#) The Mayor of London's award winning Have a Word campaign which illustrates the harm misogyny and sexism does.

[Help after rape and sexual assault.](#) Resource page for those who have been sexually assaulted.

[HM Government tackling violence against women and girls strategy.](#) This government document is the new strategy covering the government's plan to tackle violence against women and girls.

[Investing to save.](#) Women's Aid economic case for funding specialist domestic abuse support.

[NHS England London twitter video on Sexual assault referral centres \(SARCs\).](#) Information on the NHS' dedicated centres that provide a safe space and care for anyone who has been raped, sexually assaulted or abused

[Tackling Violence Against Women and Girls](#) The Mayor's VAWG Strategy for London 2022-25.

['They would rather not have known and me kept my mouth shut:' The role of neutralisation in responding to the disclosure of childhood sexual abuse.](#) A study that examined how adults who were victims of sexual abuse as a child later experienced attempts at disclosure.

[The Road We've Had To Walk #DeserveToBeHeard.](#) Women's Aid flagship campaign aims to ensure that the mental health needs of women, who are all too often not listened to and not believed, are heard and responded to effectively.

[Transformation Partners in Health and Care.](#) Main webpage for the organisation.

[Women's Health Strategy for England.](#) Detailing the government's 10-year ambitions and the actions we are taking now to improve the health and wellbeing of women and girls in England.

Links and Resources Shared by Delegates

[Secondary School Teacher's Toolkit](#): The Mayor launched a toolkit for secondary schools as a support to teachers so that they can have difficult conversations. Primary school toolkit in development.

Scroll down this [link](#) and see **resources for men**. GLA are further developing more support for men with phase 2 of their work building on the Have a Word Campaign.

[Mayor's Design Advocates](#): The GLA regeneration team is working with the Mayor's Design Advocates (MDAs) in shaping public realm projects to create positive spaces that women and girls of all backgrounds, including disabled and non-disabled, are empowered to use, without fears for their safety, through action research using live case studies.

[IRISi - Social enterprise to improve the healthcare response to gender based violence](#) IRISi aims to improve the healthcare response to gender-based violence through health and specialist services working together.

[Outcomes of domestic violence screening at an acute London trust: are there missed opportunities for intervention?](#) BMJ Open. Vol 6 (1)

Suzy Lamplugh [Stand Up Against Harassment](#) free bystander training.

[Solace women's aid](#) is the provider of the Protect Our Women programme in schools (Haringey)

Sharing case studies and good practice

For more details and to share work you are already delivering in London in support of closing the gender gap and the women's health strategy in health contact england.healthy london@nhs.net and see [webpage](#) for more details

Please submit case studies on tackling violence against women and girls to NHSE VAWG Team: england.londonsafeguarding1@nhs.net

