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Dear Paul

Thank you for letter dated 4 December 2023, inviting me to contribute to your consultation regarding the public spaces protection order (PSPO) on Mattock Lane, Ealing.

The Mayor and I will continue to advocate for equality and freedom for women and girls in public and online spaces. While the Mayor's Office is not able to comment on the local experience and the exact boundaries of your proposed PSPO area, as per our commitment in the Mayor's refreshed VAWG strategy, we fully support the right of women to choose to have an abortion free of intimidation and as such we support the extension beyond April 2024 of the PSPO to continue to prevent threatening behaviour.

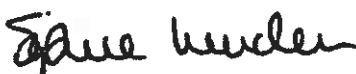
The Mayor and I remain opposed to harassment around clinics and will back buffer zones to support women to make informed choices free of intimidation. It must be stressed that the requirement for PSPO zones further emphasises that more must be done to move responsibility for preventing and reducing VAWG to everyone, not just women and girls who too often rely on strategies to reduce or resist sexual violence and harassment in public. This is a violation of women and girls' freedom and fundamental human rights. It is at odds with our desire to create a safe London for everyone.

At City Hall, MOPAC, the Violence Reduction Unit and the GLA continue to support the Mayor's vision of a safer London by putting health at the heart of policy. Abortion is a healthcare issue and in our collective drive to embed a public health approach, MOPAC have convened NHS London, the new Integrated Care Boards and Directors of Public Health, together with local authority community safety and safeguarding leads to co-produce a number of pledges as a framework to help prevent VAWG across the capital for the long term.

We need to continue to ensure that VAWG is tackled holistically and from its root causes. I look forward to working with Ealing on our wider strategies to tackle VAWG and embed a safer London for everyone.

Thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,



Sophie Linden  
**Deputy Mayor for Policing And Crime**

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**From:** Sally O'Brien <sally.obrien@MSIChoices.org.uk>  
**Sent:** 05 January 2024 15:29  
**To:** Paul Murphy  
**Subject:** PSPO

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Hi Paul

Thanks for our call today.

I write to confirm that we are in a very good place at the clinic with the arrival of the PSPO since 2017. Our clients are accessing our services safely and without harassment directly outside the clinic and a lot of the emotional turmoil we used to see on our clients has been almost eradicated.

Before the arrival of the PSPO we would regularly see our clients arriving in distress at having been approached by the protestors outside, not only the client but their chaperones would be in despair and disbelief that they had been approached and spoken to about their reason for being at the clinic and they were harassed and harangued into changing their minds.

We would also see events where counter protestors would stand outside the clinic and there would be a lot of singing, chanting, praying and beeping of horns outside which caused distress to clients and residents alike. With the introduction of the PSPO, this has been eradicated entirely.

To take the PSPO away would be giving a green light to the protestors to once again cast judgement on people attending the clinic and to cause them distress and harassment at a time where they should be focusing on healthcare. I ask that this is not taken away from our clients. To be able to access healthcare safely and without harassment is a right that should be given to all.

Whilst the PSPO has 99% removed the issue, there still remains a contingent of protestors at least five days a week in the dedicated area for them. And on the edges of the PSPO order, we also regularly see protestors. These protestors will now harass anyone walking by, hoping to find someone who may be visiting the clinic. It is clear that if the PSPO was not there, they would be right outside the clinic relentlessly.

I thank Ealing Council for all their help.

Kind Regards

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Dear colleagues

I am writing to respond to the above consultation on behalf of NHS North West London Integrated Care Board.

From a healthcare perspective, we believe the public spaces protection order has made a positive difference to the provision of care and protection of both staff and service users.

The services provided are impartial and balanced, providing counselling to vulnerable service users. They have a commitment to privacy and it is essential that service users are able to safely access and attend the clinic, without fear or prejudice.

Since the implementation of the order, we have not observed or been made aware of any negative consequences and the detrimental effect of previous activities has significantly reduced.

We believe there would be a serious risk to safe provision of care, safe spaces for staff and service users should this order be lifted.

It is important to note that service users may not always be from the local borough, but due to reasons of needing anonymity, may travel to Ealing. In order to keep them safe and ensure they are not subject to negative actions that service users have experienced in the past, such as verbal abuse and being photographed, we believe this order is essential and fully support its continuation.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Charlotte Benjamin  
Chief Medical Officer

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**From:** Sean.Lynch@met.police.uk  
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**Subject:** FW: Responses from organisations last time  
**Attachments:** Appendix 4b - responses from organisations.pdf

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Hi Paul,  
Really sorry missed the deadline and multiple emails

Having discussed at length with Insp Leigh Ballard, I can't see any change in the stance from local police, and I'm happy to endorse along the same lines and written by Jill when the PSPO was previously reviewed.

All the best and thanks for your continued PSPO work over Xmas,  
Sean

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