

**COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING
SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES**

31 JULY 2017

SUBJECT: MENTAL HEALTH

Report of the Chief Constable

<p>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</p> <p>1. To provide an update to the PCC on Mental Health.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) seeks to understand the impact of Mental Health and how this is recognised within the West Yorkshire Police.</p>
<p>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</p> <p>3. Mental Health is recognised as a priority in the Police and Crime Plan as well as Protecting Vulnerable People included as an Outcome. We have seen some great successes in how people with mental health issues are treated and supported within West Yorkshire whether they are victims or suspected perpetrators of a crime. However more needs to be done to reduce the risk of those with mental health issues both committing and becoming victims of crime. Mental health is a priority in the Police and Crime Plan with an associated action plan.</p>
<p>KEY INFORMATION</p> <p>4. The West Yorkshire Criminal Justice and Mental Health Forum was launched in September 2015 and includes West Yorkshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, West Yorkshire Police, NHS, Public Health England, the Ambulance and Fire Services, Mental Health Trusts, British Transport Police and the third sector. Through the Mental Health Forum the PCC will make sure that partners are working together to collectively support people with mental health issues who find themselves in the criminal justice system and look for opportunities to intervene at the earliest stage.</p> <p>5. During 16/17 the Forum worked together to submit proposals for the improvement and expansion of health based places of safety; the bid was successful. Some of the new facilities are already available, others are in the pipeline.</p> <p>6. Two important facilities have opened in the past year; the facility for children and young people at the Becklin Centre in Leeds, and The Haven in Bradford. Both centres provide an alternative to A&E or a police station for people suffering mental health crisis. These 'safe places' offer an appropriate environment in the community for mental health professionals to provide care and assessment for people in distress.</p>

ATTACHMENT

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