

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING
SUPPORTING VICTIMS AND WITNESSES

20th February 2018

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 in January 2018.</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.</p>
<p>KEY INFORMATION</p> <p>4. Good progress is being made in relation to this agenda. In December 2017 new legislation came into force which means that children and young people detained under S 136 cannot be taken to police custody, and adults can only be taken there in exceptional circumstances. To date, no-one detained under S136 has been taken to police custody since the new legislation came into effect. There has been close partnership working between the Police and NHS to achieve this. There are continuing challenges to overcome which should not be underestimated but early indications are encouraging.</p> <p>5. Further work is underway to improve health based places of safety in West Yorkshire, following the success of the capital bids to the DOH in 2016/17. Bids have been submitted from local concordat groups for another round of competitive bidding, Beyond Places of Safety, made available by the DoH during 2017/18. The bids were co-ordinated through the West Yorkshire Sustainable Transformation Plan in consultation with the PCC and Police. These opportunities continue to be for capital only.</p> <p>6. Joint OPCC and NHS funding for mental health professionals placed in police control rooms in Leeds and Bradford has allowed for better decision making about the most appropriate care response when people experiencing a mental ill-health crisis are reported to the police. Both services ran successfully throughout 2016/2017 and to date during 2017/18. The PCC's Criminal</p>

Justice and Mental Health Forum has received detailed reports about their impact. A similar service is now up and running in Wakefield, funded by the Vanguard Programme. Arrangements in Calderdale and Kirklees have continued as before. The longer term future of these services are under discussion.

7. Liaison and Diversion funded by NHS England was initially confined to the Wakefield district but has now been rolled out to Leeds, and is shortly to be launched in Bradford. The expectation is that it will be rolled out to Kirklees in September.
8. A Suicide Prevention Strategy for West Yorkshire has been published, fully supported by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable. This is led by the South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust. Partners will be working together to deliver the commitments made in the strategy.
9. The PCC Has raised concerns in his Criminal Justice and Mental Health Forum about therapeutic support for victims of crime, especially victims and survivors of sexual violence. The PCC is continuing to work with partners to raise this issue within the NHS.
10. Most recently in Grant Round 12 of the Safer Communities Fund (awarded in December 2017), 33 projects were successful with grants. Of those 33, 20 projects selected Mental Health as one of the priorities that their project would aim to improve (as well as a number of other priorities) in their communities; showing the importance of this issue and how a number of factors can affect an individual's mental health. This totalled £92,325.65 of grant monies.

PARTNERSHIP WORKING

11. The West Yorkshire Criminal Justice and Mental Health Forum continues to meet quarterly 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. Recent agendas have included the NHS West Yorkshire Sustainable Transformation Plan, the West Yorkshire Suicide Prevention Strategy, therapeutic support for victims of crime, the roll out of liaison and diversion initiatives, and other issues.

ATTACHMENT

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