

Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner**Notice of Decision**

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POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER

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TITLE: Mental Health Street Triage Pilot (2 years)**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:****Aims and objectives of the joint service**

The purpose of the Street Triage Team will be to provide an effective and timely intervention by Police and Mental Health Services, resulting in identification of the most appropriate pathway for individuals suffering from mental ill health.

The Street Triage team will provide guidance and assessment for anyone believed to be suffering from a mental disorder in a public place. There will be a strong focus on diversion rather than detention; however the primary focus is providing a service that is right for the individual and supporting identification of the most suitable pathway at the earliest opportunity.

The team will have access to Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust records (RiO) enabling a current and thorough assessment and identification of the most suitable pathway based on individual needs. The team will provide advice, assessment and access to services. Where persons are known to Mental Health services, signposting or referral to relevant services will be done in a timely manner. Face to Face triage screening will be done on the street and risk assessments conducted on all individuals. Due to the complex nature of certain mental health pathways, the team will also facilitate access to services where necessary.

Service description/care pathway

The Street Triage team will consist of 4 Mental Health Nurses and 4 Police Officers on rotating shifts, 17:00 to 02:00 seven days per week.

Nottinghamshire Healthcare Trust nurses will operate from custody suites at Bridwell (City) and Mansfield (County) alongside police colleagues. The Triage Team will respond to calls from Nottinghamshire Police requesting assistance with dealing with individuals in the area. Where possible, and appropriate, triage advice will be given over the telephone.

On call out, the Triage Team will attend the location of the individual requiring assistance. An initial assessment will be made and the best approach decided. If the individual does not require detention under Section 136 of MHA 1983, they will instead be provided with signposting information and/or advice tailored to their specific needs.

If a Section 136 is issued and the individual is in need of urgent medical attention, they will be transported to A&E, either by the Triage Team vehicle or by alternative ambulance (dependant on assessment of need of the individual). Representatives from the Triage team will remain with the individual until they are discharged from hospital, either to the care of a family member or to the Place of Safety (if the Section 136 remains in place).

If the individual does not require urgent medical assistance, they will be transported directly to the Place of Safety. Once at the Place of Safety, further assessment will be made and appropriate action taken.

Any individual attended to by the Street Triage Team will be contacted the next working day, to ensure they are fully cited on their care pathway or the recommended onward referral. Details will be recorded on both

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RIO and the operational monitoring document(s). In addition, NHT nurses will ensure that any information is updated onto the monitoring document(s) on return to the Police Headquarters within 24 hours.

In Nottinghamshire the Police and NHS have agreed to provide two police vehicles staffed by a police officer, and a clinical nurse. The staffing will be two pairs in the city and two pairs in the county covering 5/2 evening shifts, (7 days a week) which are the peak demand periods. The staff will be based in the custody suites at the Bridewell and Mansfield.

Best practice has been drawn from Leicestershire and Cleveland where the pilots have been fully implemented, and benefits realised. The project team are also linked into the national initiative to ensure that learning is shared across the country

As part of the development and training process Leicestershire Police and NHS staff are providing a mentoring role.

The project team will review the project, and provide a quarterly performance report for the NHS and Police joint project board.

This initiative is a key part of the wider Mental Health Issues project led by ACC Simon Torr.

INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF DECISION: (e.g report or business case)

A business case was presented to the Local Policing and Operations Board on Tuesday 25 March 2014, and approved by ACC Torr and ACC Jupp. The paper will be put before the Force Executive Board on 31 March 2014.

All Clinical Commissioning Groups across Nottinghamshire have agreed to support the pilot and Nottinghamshire police will coordinate the funding centrally. A contract has been drawn up to support the funding agreement.

As the collation of funding meets the £250k threshold, approval is sought from the Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping

(Please see attached copies of invoices for individual C.C.Gs)

Is any of the supporting information classified as non public or confidential information?**

No

DECISION:

DECLARATION:

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and I take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Nottinghamshire Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Any interests are indicated below:

The above request has my approval.

Signature:



Date:

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OFFICER APPROVAL

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that the appropriate advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signature:
Chief Executive



Date:

2.4.14

** See guidance on non public information and confidential information.