

Epping Forest Update

a Police officer is NOT the professional best placed to help them NOR is dealing with acute health crises the best use of police officers time and skills we BELIEVE the Police should NOT be filling gaps in mental health services

- Home Affairs Select Committee report – Policing and mental health 2015



New restraint protocol – All officers are being trained in restraint techniques specifically designed to restrain people in mental crisis. Techniques obtained and developed between the Police and NHS.

Anyone detained under S.136 or S.135 warrant must be **transported** in an ambulance unless transport in a Police vehicle is authorised in extreme conditions. This is for patient dignity and for ambulance staff to assess their medical needs and or issues that may arise or be masked by other factors such as their mental health alcohol and or drugs.



Street Triage –

Aim is to provide a better service to those in crisis by having a trained mental health nurse attend incidents alongside a Police officer offering expert advice on the situation at hand.

This will help to provide better information and advice to better serve the person in crisis which will in turn improve relations between Police and mental health staff.

Will reduce the number of unnecessary detentions under 136.

Street triage is serviced by a team of 6 mental health nurses and 6 Police officers in two Police vehicles, one north and one south of the county every day.



Liaison and diversion team in custody –

Divert people who offend into services to support them and prevent them from progressing to crisis stage.

SIM project –

Pilot in Essex following success for Hampshire Constabulary. Brings together mental health professionals and Police officers to intensively support service users who are struggling to manage high frequency and high risk behaviours. The Police officer along with the mental health nurse professionals will engage with identified patients as a combined approach. The role of the Police officer is to reinforce to the patient acceptable boundaries and consequences through investigation/prosecution through the criminal justice system should they commit offences.



- Current retention and recruitment issues for front line police officers
 - Current numbers of police officers covering the Epping Forest District and the recent and forecast trend.
- An assessment of anti-social behaviour in the District, particularly over the Summer (compared to last summer)
- Current service levels and response times for handling 101 and 999 calls
- Average response times to emergency calls (from receipt to attendance)
- Current crime clear up / detection rates and recent trends
 - Proposed strategies for improving detection rates
- The Police's response to the recent increase in burglaries in the District
- The scope for more pro-active work to be done in local schools to prevent crime



