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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Mental Health Street Triage Briefing Report</b>
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	The Health and Wellbeing Board
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> March 2016

**Purpose of Report:** **To Note**

**Recommended Action:** **N/A**

*When decisions of the Health and Wellbeing Board impact on the finances or general operation of the Council, recommendations of the Board must be referred up to the Executive for final determination and decision.*

<b>Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Council's Executive for final determination?</b>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Is this item relevant to equality?</b>	Please tick relevant boxes		<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:				
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

**Outcome** Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality. In this instance please give details of how the item impacts upon the equality streams under the executive report section as outlined.

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## Executive Report

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### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Berkshire West Street Triage One Year Pilot Project is part of collaborative funding arrangements between Berkshire West Clinical Commissioning Groups, 3 Local authorities and NHS England at a total cost of £150k. This service is based on the Oxford Street Triage Model of care to support the reduction of mental health patients being detained inappropriately in police custody, reduce the use of Section 136 and also to support the Local Crisis Care Concordat Action Plan Commitment from CCGs & LAs.
- 1.2 Street triage refers to a service where clinical mental health professionals (MHPs) accompany and/or assist police at incidents where the possible mental ill health of an individual gives rise to concern. The MHPs will assist in ensuring the best option for the individuals in crisis. They will do this by offering professional advice on the spot, accessing health information systems, and helping to liaise with other care services to identify the right kind of support required.
- 1.3 Thames Valley Police (TVP) in partnership with Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (BHFT) will provide a street triage service in Berkshire West (Wokingham, West Berkshire and Reading LA areas) providing dedicated MHPs working alongside police. The service will target incidents reported to police where individuals appear to be in immediate need of support for their mental ill health or following a mental health welfare/incident call made to the police.
- 1.4 The street triage service will provide timely interventions by MHPs and avoid unnecessary detention either in a police station or hospital, which will equate to a better experience for these individuals as well as achieving a substantial cost saving for these services. The street triage MHP works in partnership with TVP to provide mental health advice and guidance in an effort to assist the police in their decision making process around managing risk.
- 1.5 The street triage MHP seek to provide an inclusive service to ensure that people who come into contact with police and are considered having a mental disorder receive a high quality, competent and effective range of interventions. The service delivery will include liaison, prevention and ultimately if needed, equitable access to mental health services.
- 1.6 Between 1 April 2014 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2015, there was a total of 216 Section 136 applied by Thames Valley Police officers in Berkshire West (136- Reading, 47- West Berkshire and 33- Wokingham). This was an increase of 23% on the previous year for Berkshire West. Mental Health incidents as reported by TVP, during the same period of time were reported (per 1000 population) Reading- 6.4, West Berkshire- 2.9 and Wokingham- 2.1. Reading has the third highest in the Thames Valley area, whilst West Berkshire and Wokingham were below the TVP average of 4.5.

### 2. Key Outcomes

- To reduce the number of Section 136's applied by Thames Valley Police (TVP) across Berkshire West.
- To provide alternative mental health outcomes to persons found in crisis by TVP officers in Berkshire West.
- Provide support to TVP regarding mental Health Welfare/ calls of concern calls received by TVP control room.
- Release/ free up TVP officer's time/ earlier return to non- Mental Health related duties.
- To prevent mental health patient being detained in police custody.

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## 3. Aims/Objectives

- Improve the experience and outcomes for persons in mental health crisis
- Prompt assessment of persons in crisis to ensure the appropriate care pathway is identified
- Reduce the number of deprivations of liberty under S136 by identifying suitable, appropriate, less restrictive alternatives
- Reduce the amount of time police officers are spending managing crisis (or other) situations in public or private locations by providing support for mental health assessments and facilitating access to appropriate services
- Reduce the burden of inappropriate referrals to Emergency Departments
- Improve training, awareness, confidence and joint workings relationships between police and health professional's staff.
- Reduce the cost of MHA assessments across the police, Local authority and the local NHS.

## 4. Service Operating Times

- The service operate with one member of staff (Band 7 MHP) and a Thames Valley Police officer on duty between the hours of 17:00 hrs to 01:00, five days per week (Thursday to Monday), this historically and being the peak time for S136 detentions in Berkshire West.

## 5. Conclusion

- 5.1 We are planning an evaluation of this project in January 2016 to share the impact of this service in Berkshire West.
- 5.2 The plan is to develop a business case to seek recurrent funding for the Berkshire West Street Triage Service for 2016/17 from the CCGs & LAs.

## 6. Equalities

- 6.1 This item is not relevant to equality.

## Appendices

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There are no Appendices to this report.

## Consultees

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**Local Stakeholders:** BHFT, TV Police, SCAS, RBFT & LAs

**Officers Consulted:** MH Leads from each organisation

**Other:** N/A