

**RECORD OF DECISION**

**TITLE:** Warwickshire and West Mercia Options Appraisal – Places of Safety

Ref: PCC/D/2017/07

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

It is recommended that funding is provided to carry out an options appraisal of places of safety for those detained under the Mental Health Act across Warwickshire and West Mercia.

**PROPOSAL**

Provision of places of safety for those detained under the Mental Health Act is of variable quality and used in variable manners across West Mercia and Warwickshire. Providers have been approached to undertake:

1. A review of the usage, uptake and cost effectiveness of the existing Places of Safety facilities across the locality.
2. An exploration of good practice for supporting patients requiring Place of Safety across similar geographical areas.
3. An options appraisal on potential service delivery models for Place of Safety for the wider locality.

Arden & GEM CSU is one of the largest Commissioning Support Units in the country. They currently serve 60 CCGs, covering a population of around 13.4 million. Their services are built on a strong foundation of experienced people who “build great relationships, a commitment to NHS values and a thorough understanding of service commissioners and the challenge”. They are the preferred provider.

Preliminary scoping and evaluation will cover:

- Agree with stakeholders a common definition of a Place of Safety to ensure consensus of the focus of the work.
- Ensure this is work contextualised within national and local policy/expectations.
- Map current Places of Safety services commissioned across the locality.
- Undertake an analysis across all organisations to understand the pathway into each Place of Safety.
- Review data on usage (to include, for example, activity by day and time of admission, length of stay and subsequent disposal destination out of Places of Safety, distance travelled, frequency of utilisation by individual users ).
- Interviews with users, police and mental health practitioners.

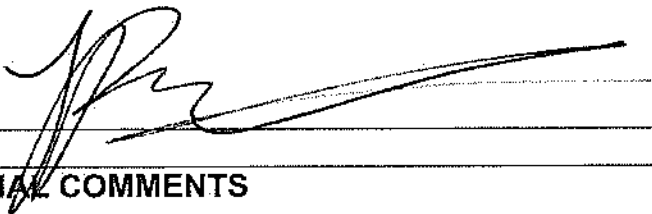
- Explore high level quality dimensions associated with Places of Safety through reviewing good practice elsewhere and alternative models of support.

Arden & GEM CSU will produce an interim report providing a position statement on Places of Safety across the locality. It is estimated that this will require a the project team for up to twenty days over a six to eight week period, subject to stakeholder involvement.

#### **APPROVAL OF West Mercia Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the above proposal.

Signed



#### **FINANCIAL COMMENTS**

The cost of this support to West Mercia will be **£6411.48**. This work will be funded from the budget set aside for it

#### **LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS**

By virtue of schedule 11, paragraph 14 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 the Police and Crime Commissioner may do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the exercise of the functions of commissioner. That includes: entering into contracts and other agreements (whether legally binding or not) and acquiring and disposing of property (including land).

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#### **OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Signature ..... *Andy Chapman* ..... Date ...2<sup>nd</sup> June 2017.....