

Police Training for Section 136 Place of Safety

The following information has been provided by North Yorkshire Police

Whilst the Police have no specific “face to face” training for Section 136 all staff were subject last year to undertaking an online training package in respect of mental health and policing and certainly covered Police powers under the Act.

On top of this North Yorkshire Police advised on the following:

- Creation of a “mental health” intranet site on our internal system and the provision of a knowledge base together with easy to use guides and flow charts for officers;
- Input to both our Custody and operational sergeants on mental health that has involved guest speakers from our partners i.e. Ambulance / NHS Trusts / Crisis Teams;
- The establishment of local mental health champions;
- Specific to the s136 suites - very close relationship established and inputs from both sides given to staff from both Police and the NHS Trusts

Going forward North Yorkshire Police hope to expand on their training aspect and will be making use of collaboration with neighbour forces and partner agencies.