

## Health and Wellbeing Board

4 December 2013

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Health & Wellbeing, Dr. Paul Edmondson-Jones

### Progress Report – Section 136 Place of Safety

#### Summary

1. This report asks the members of the Health and Wellbeing Board to note and make comment on the progress made on providing a Place of Safety for York and North Yorkshire. An update has been provided and is at **Annex A** to this report.
2. Partners from appropriate organisations will be in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions that the Board may have.

#### Background

3. The Health and Wellbeing Board gave a commitment in their Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy to provide a more fit for purpose Place of Safety for York and North Yorkshire.
4. An update was presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board at its previous meeting on 2 October, and this report provides a further update to the position outlined in October.

#### Consultation

5. Consultation and discussion has taken place between appropriate partner organisations which has led to Bootham Park being the chosen building to house the Place of Safety.

#### Options

6. There are no specific options for the Board to consider, however they are asked to note the update at **Annex A** and make any comments they feel necessary to move this project forward.

## **Analysis**

7. Not applicable

## **Council Plan 2011-2015**

8. This report is directly linked to the 'protect vulnerable people' link of the Council Plan 2011-2015.
9. It is also a priority identified in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013-16.

## **Implications**

10. **Financial** – Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group have agreed funding for the Place of Safety.
11. **Human Resources (HR)** - None
12. **Equalities** - We need to ensure that those detained under the Mental Health Act are treated with respect and dignity and to make adequate provision to meet their needs. As we currently do not have a Place of Safety those detained may well be detained in police custody and this is inappropriate. Establishing a Place of Safety for York and North Yorkshire will prevent this happening.

## **Risk Management**

13. There is a risk that vulnerable adults will continue to be inappropriately detained in police custody if a Place of Safety is not provided.

## **Recommendations**

14. Members of the Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note and comment on the report and its associated annex.

Reason: In order to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of progress made towards providing a Place of Safety for York and North Yorkshire.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)**

**Wards Affected:**

All

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

**Background Papers:**

None

**Annexes**

Annex A – Place of Safety Update November 2013