

Section 136 Place of Safety Cover Report

Summary

1. This report presents Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with statistical information on those detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act (1983) during the period March 2013 and February 2014 and taken to North Yorkshire Police Custody Suites. This is provided at Annex A to this report.

Background

2. At a Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting in October 2013 Members received a report which updated them on developments regarding a Section 136 Health Based Place of Safety. As a result the Committee agreed that an item from the Police in regards to training for the Place of Safety be scheduled into the work plan for the April 2014 meeting.

Consultation

3. The information contained in Annex A in relation to Section 136 Place of Safety has been provided by North Yorkshire Police and a representative will be at the meeting to answer any questions. In addition, at Annex B, North Yorkshire Police have provided details regarding Section 136 training.

Options

4. There are no specific options for the Committee to consider, however Members are asked to note the information included in this report and its annexes and make any comment they feel necessary.

Analysis

5. Not Applicable.

Council Plan

6. This report is directly linked to the “Protect the Vulnerable” element of the Council Plan 2011-2015.

Implications

7. There are no implications arising directly from this report although, in regard to equalities, there is a need to ensure that those detained under the Mental Health Act are treated with respect and dignity and there is adequate provision to meet their needs.

Risk Management

8. There are no risks associated directly with this report.

Recommendations

9. Members of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to note and comment on the content of this report and its annexes.

Reason: To keep Members informed of developments associated with providing a Place of Safety for York and North Yorkshire.

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All

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Annex

Annex A – Section 136 Update.

Annex B – Training