

DYFED-POWYS POLICE AND CRIME PANEL
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HMICFRS REPORT – POLICING AND MENTAL HEALTH

Recommendations / key decisions required:

1. To note the report published by HMICFRS
2. To identify any actions that the Panel wishes to take in light of that report.

Reasons:

1. The report highlights the burden nationally that is being placed upon the police when dealing with those who have mental health problems
2. The findings support comments made by both the Commissioner and Chief Constable regarding the burden that is being placed upon Dyfed-Powys police in particular.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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In November 2018 Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services publish a report on the role that the police have in dealing with persons with mental health problems.

The report generally praised the police for the way in which they dealt with such persons, but expressed the view that the police should not be involved in responding to such problems as much they are.

The report highlights the risks associated with the police being forced to take on this role in the absence of more appropriate professional services and emphasises the burden that this places on the police to the detriment of the performance of its other statutory functions.

The report sets out 5 main recommendations, namely;

1. That the NPCC lead and College of Policing should agree a new national definition of mental ill-health for all forces to adopt. *(Panel Members will be aware that the Chief Constable for Dyfed-Powys – Mr. Mark Collins, is the NPCC lead)*
2. All forces should carry out a snapshot exercise to assess their mental health-related demand
3. All forces should evaluate their mental health triage services
4. All forces should review their mental health training programmes
5. The Crisis Care Concordat steering group should carry out a fundamental review and make proposals for change

A copy of the Crisis Care Concordat for Wales is also attached to the report to assist members in their deliberations.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Host Authority File	LS-0511/41	County Hall Carmarthen