



CRIME AND DISORDER OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY SUB-COMMITTEE, 27 FEBRUARY 2018

Subject Heading:

REPORT OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER SUB-COMMITTEE TOPIC GROUP: TO REVIEW HOW THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM DEALS WITH OFFENDERS WITH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES.

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Policy context:

The attached report details a recent review undertaken by the Sub-Committee's topic group on how the criminal justice system deals with offenders with mental health issues.

Financial summary:

No impact of presenting of information itself.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Communities making Havering

Places making Havering

Opportunities making Havering

Connections making Havering

SUMMARY

This report contains the findings and recommendations that have emerged after the Topic Group scrutinised the topic selected by the Committee in September 2015.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members:

1. Note the report of the Crime and Disorder Overview & Scrutiny Committee Topic Group (attached);
2. To agree that the final version of the report is sent to the relevant bodies.

REPORT DETAIL

At its meeting on 24 September 2015, the Crime & Disorder Sub-Committee agreed to establish a topic group to look at how people with mental health issues were supported by the Justice System. The Sub-Committee indicated that information should be sought from the North East London NHS Foundation Trust, the Clinical Commissioning Group, Public Health as well as obtaining an understanding of what happens in the custody system and how magistrates handle complex cases.

Attached is a copy of the Topic Group's report. The report includes details of the scrutiny work undertaken by Members in reaching the recommendations set out.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: None of this covering report.

Legal implications and risks: None of this covering report.

Human Resources implications and risks: None of this covering report.

Equalities implications and risks: None of this covering report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.