

**THE OFFICE OF POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR DERBYSHIRE  
DECISION RECORD**

<b>Request for PCC Decision</b>	<b>Received in OPCC Date: 22 January 2019</b>	<b>OPCC Ref: 10/ 2019</b>
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**MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE HUB**

**Executive Summary:**

The provision of the Commissioner's contribution to the EMAS elements of the Ambulance Mental Health Triage Car from 1st October 2018 – 31 March 2019 was outlined in the attached report for approval.

**Decision**

1. The Commissioner's funding of the provision of the EMAS elements of the Ambulance Mental Health Triage Car for six months (1st October 2018 – 31st March 2019) at a cost of £75,000 was approved.

**Declaration**

I confirm that I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire. Any such interests are recorded below.

None

The above request has my approval.

**Signature**

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**Date 22 January 2019**

**PUBLICATION SCHEME CONSIDERATIONS**

**Is the related Section B report to be published**    **Yes**

The report contains commercially sensitive information.

**Is the publication of this approval to be deferred**    **No**

If Yes, provide reasons below

**Date to be deferred to –**

NB Statutory Instrument 2011/3050 (as amended by SI 2012/2479) states that: *all decisions made by a PCC are in the types of information that must “be published as soon as practicable after it becomes available to the elected local policing body”.*

**OFFICER APPROVAL**

**Chief Executive or Nominee:**

I have been consulted about the proposal and confirm that financial, legal and equalities advice has been taken into account in the preparation of this report.

I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner

Name    Andrew Dale

Date 22 January 2019

# STRATEGIC PRIORITIES ASSURANCE BOARD

<b>REPORT TITLE</b>	MENTAL HEALTH TRIAGE HUB
<b>REPORT BY</b>	CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER
<b>DATE</b>	28 JANUARY 2019

## PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To outline the provision of the Commissioner's contribution to the EMAS elements of the Ambulance Mental Health Triage Car from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 – 31 March 2019.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. None

## RECOMMENDATIONS

To consider the Commissioner's funding of the provision of the EMAS elements of the Ambulance Mental Health Triage Car for six months (1st October 2018 – 31st March 2019) at a cost of £75,000.

## CONTACT FOR ENQUIRIES

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## **OVERVIEW**

1. The Ambulance Mental Health Triage Car (AMHTC) is a collaborative partnership between Derby Partners and EMAS linked to the Police Mental Health Triage Hub. It works to complement the existing Hub service and is based on broadly the same principles. This expansion to include an EMAS operational response provides the platform for a whole system solution and an option to respond/assess on scene.
2. The AMHTC will be staffed by a collaborative team consisting of EMAS paramedics/technicians (clinicians) and Mental Health Practitioners provided by the Derby Hub. The triage car will operate seven days a week, from 16:00 until midnight including bank holidays; EMAS will provide 2 WTE clinicians and a full equipped Fast Response Vehicle for responding to mental health crisis call outs.
3. The EMAS vehicle will be based at Ripley ambulance station and will be deployed to Ripley Police Headquarters at the shift start.
4. The service will provide as a single point of contact to emergency services related to mental health crisis call outs across the system and other services as appropriate. The service will offer advice to control rooms, crews on scene and where appropriate to respond/assess on scene for more complex cases to reduce ED conveyance and S136 detentions. Please see Table 1 below for full details of objectives and KPIs.
5. The overall aim of the service is to ensure that people who are experiencing difficulties with their mental health, and who contact EMAS or the Derby Hub, are navigated to the most appropriate form of care for their needs.

Table 1

### **Objectives**

The overall aim of the service is to ensure that people who are experiencing difficulties with their mental health, and who contact EMAS or the Derby Hub, are navigated to the most appropriate form of care for their needs.

The objectives of the service are to:

- Reduce the number of people experiencing mental health difficulties who are conveyed by ambulance to the Emergency Department (ED) or detained by police on a S136.
- Provide alternative care options to ED, for people experiencing difficulties with their mental health who have no physical health issues, or physical health issues that can be more appropriately treated elsewhere.
- Increase knowledge and expertise and improve decision making in mental health across EMAS, and reduce the call cycle time for incidents, releasing Police/EMAS resource for other uses.
- Working with the MHTH to ensure the appropriate use of police holding powers Section 136 of the 1983 Mental Health Act.
- Where indicated offer urgent and emergency service staff advice and guidance on the use of the Mental Health Act / Mental Capacity Act.
- Act as a liaison between mental health services, EMAS, the police and other agencies, where possible.
- Facilitate an effective response to incidents involving people experiencing difficulties with their mental health or learning disabilities in which referring agencies are involved in.
- To improve joint decision making through the use of all available, relevant information known to the Police, EMAS and MHP about the live incident.
- To develop link work with EMAS/Police regarding high intensity users.

### **KPIs**

Through the period of the project the partnership will monitor

- Responses to S136 requests including attendance on scene where triaged as appropriate.
- Levels of EMAS conveyance to ED for card 25 activity during the operational hours
- Feedback from referring agency on the potential outcome if they did not have access to the hub.
- Overall data on levels of activity related to contact from partner agencies and outcome of contact

6. In January 2019 a monitoring report will be produced for key partners to consider further development of, and investment in, the Hub.

**SUMMARY**

To approve the funding for the provision of the EMAS elements of the Ambulance Mental Health Triage Car for six months (1st October 2018 – 31st March 2019) at a cost of £75,000.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NONE