

West Yorkshire Criminal Justice and Mental Health Forum

Terms of Reference

Ambitions:

- To improve our understanding of issues around mental health, community safety and the criminal justice system, and put in place better systems to deal with those issues;
- To deliver a whole systems approach to ensure individuals who experience a mental health crisis receive a high quality, effective and seamless service;
- To ensure best service user experience and outcomes for those experiencing mental health crisis; and
- To ensure public health principles underpin local strategy to prevent future crises.

Scope:

- To commission the development of a West Yorkshire mental health needs assessment to better understand the needs of people at risk of experiencing mental health crisis and to identify pinch points in the demand and supply train.
- To ensure appropriate and timely access to crisis care support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- To ensure appropriate and timely access to emergency and urgent crisis care through delivery of the Urgent and Emergency Care Vanguard.
- Ensure appropriate plans are in place to aid recovery from mental health crisis and to support service users to stay well.
- Ensure appropriate information sharing protocols are developed and implemented in order that those in mental health crisis receive the best care possible.
- Ensure Black and Minority Ethnic Groups are not over represented in mental health crisis care settings.
- Ensure the needs of Children and Young People are identified and appropriately met through the creation of a specific task and finish group.
- Develop and implement a shared training programme which includes workforce development.