



# Mental Health and its impact



# Section 136 Mental Health Act

"...a person in a PUBLIC place who appears to be suffering from mental disorder and to be in immediate need of care or control..... a constable can remove that person to a Place of Safety"

- This does not apply in their own home
- This is an arrest which can be disclosed under an enhanced DBS

# The ever increasing demand



Cheshire East 101 (128)

Cheshire West 143 (172)

Halton 92 (93)

Warrington 107 (120)

# ***"Operation Emblem" Street Triage***

- Since December in Halton & Warrington
- A combined rapid response by Police & RMN
- Joint risk management – access to Care Plans/police intelligence through mobile data

# What we are trying to achieve

- Improve the outcomes through appropriate early intervention referrals
- Reduce the number of inappropriate Section 136 detentions
- The provision of an holistic Safeguarding 'team'
- Improving the experience and outcome for service users

# System headlines

- Reduction in the volume of section 136s made by 90 %
- Earlier identification and intervention for First Time Entrants
- Quicker assessment and taken to most appropriate site
- Multi-agency training – experiencing a ‘day in my shoes’
- Nationally recognised as how integration works when done well
- Evidence of “Social Value” driven approach to meeting local need.

# Early outcomes

- Consideration of Sect 136 arrests at 59 incidents - team intercepted and sectioned only 6
- Out of the 6 sectioned by the team ALL were detained.
- 30 % were intoxicated through alcohol or drugs
- Closer liaison with NWAS – reduction in A&E attendance
- Overwhelmingly positive feedback from service users and all parties involved

# Savings

- Service costs £500 per shift
- Without intervention cost for 136 arrests alone would have been £118,000
- Actual cost incurred was £12,000 for 6 arrests, saving £106,000 over 186 shifts
- 50% reduction in 136 arrests taken to police custody
- Earlier introduction to primary MH services through appropriate and timely referrals

**Any Questions ?**

