

Title of report: West Mercia Police 'Right Care, Right Person' policy

Meeting: Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Meeting date: Monday 17 February 2025

Report by: Statutory Scrutiny Officer

Classification

Open

Decision type

This is not an executive decision

Wards affected

(All Wards);

Purpose

This report and its appendices provide information to support the Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's scrutiny of the West Mercia Police 'Right Care, Right Person' policy.

Recommendation(s)

That:

- a) The committee prepares any questions and determines any other actions or recommendations it may seek to make.**

Alternative options

1. As this report is for information only, it presents no alternative options. The Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has agreed to assist (as per their Terms of Reference) with considering how the impact of the change in West Mercia Police policy to Right Care, Right Right Person.

Key considerations

2. The Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee has a remit to scrutinise the impact of the change in West Mercia Police policy regarding responses to welfare, mental health incidents and missing persons and to further scrutinise the delivery of the policy.
3. The members of the Health, Care, and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee agreed that this item be brought to the committee on 17 February 2025 to consider how the above objectives are being met by the council. Attached as Appendix 1 to this report are slides that consider how these objectives are being met.

Community impact

4. As this report is for information only, it contains no assessment of community impact. However, any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may have an impact on the West Mercia Police 'Right Care, Right Person' policy. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider these potential impacts when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

Environmental Impact

5. This report contains no direct environmental impacts. However, any recommendations made by the committee, if agreed by the appropriate decision-making body, may have direct impacts. Reports arising from or supporting this work will outline their potential environmental impact.

Equality duty

6. In producing this report, officers have been mindful of their duties under the Equality Act 2010 and Disability Discrimination Act 1995. The report and appendices are written in plain English and laid out clearly to maximise readability.
7. Although the reports themselves only provide information, they may result in recommendations to Cabinet or a portfolio holder for action. In agreeing those recommendations, Cabinet or the portfolio holder will need to consider the impact of those recommendations on the council's equalities' duties.

Resource implications

8. As this report provides information only, it has no resource implications. However, any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may create a resource implication. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider that resource implication when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

Risk management

9. As this report is for information only, it contains no risk assessment. However, any recommendation made by the committee, if agreed by Cabinet or a portfolio holder, may create

a resource implication. In this case, Cabinet or a portfolio holder will have to consider that resource implication when deciding whether to accept the recommendation.

Consultees

10. No consultations were carried out in the process of producing this report.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Right Care, Right Person (RCRP) slides.

Background papers

None identified.

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