



<b>Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission</b> 17th July 2023 <b>Implications of implementation of Right Care Right Person model by Met Police</b>	Item No <b>6</b>
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### **PURPOSE OF ITEM**

To explore the implications for health and care partners of the decision by the Metropolitan Police to implement 'Right Care Right Person (RCRP)' from 31 August.

### **OUTLINE**

Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) Commissioner Sir Mark Rowley wrote to health and social care partners on 24 May to inform them that the MPS will be implementing the *Right Care, Right Person (RCRP) model*, withdrawing police officers from responding to most mental health related calls, by 31 August 2023. The MPS have taken this step following the pilot of the programme in the Humberside Police force area, which has significantly reduced the amount of frontline police officer time spent on a range of mental health related calls. The RCRP approach is based on medical and social care professionals dealing with the majority of people in mental health crises, rather than police officers, except when there is a risk of immediate harm. In London, the MPS estimates that over ten thousand hours of police officer time a month is currently spent on mental health related cases.

This policy represents a fundamental change to when Police will be deployed, particularly around welfare concerns, mental health incidents or missing persons or people absconded from hospital. The aim of the item is to discuss the implications for the health and social care system, including potential financial and reputational risks.

Attached please find:

- a) Briefing from the Director of Adult Social Care Operations titled "*Police Approach - Right Care, Right Person - Implications for health and social care system*"
- b) Note from Met Police website announcing the change
- c) Briefing on the issue prepared by London Councils

- d) Copy of letter which London Councils sent to the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police expressing their concern.

Attending for this item will be:

**Georgina Diba**, Director of Adult Social Care Operations

**Andrew Trathen**, Public Health Consultant

**Jed Francique**, Borough Director, C&H Place, ELFT

**Nina Griffith**, Director of Delivery, City and Hackney Place Based Partnership

## **ACTION**

The Commission is requested to note the reports and make any comments or recommendations as necessary.