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## Freedom of Information Request – Ref: FOI 081-1920

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request about the Liaison and Diversion Service, and clarification in respect of one of the questions. Please find our response below.

- 1 **Liaison and Diversion Service Team**  
**Mental Health Liaison Service**
- 2 **Population Coverage**  
This information is readily available on the Trust external website at the following link:  
<https://www.2gether.nhs.uk/who-we-are/annual-reports/>
- 3 **Number of Employees**  
7.
- 4 **Is there a local policy in relation to suspects with mental health problems?**  
  
Yes (Please attach policy if possible)
- 5 **Please provide details of the service availability:**
  - a. When was the service started? 1995
  - b. Which NHS or other trust provides this service? 2gether NHS Foundation Trust
  - c. Which stations provide this service? One custody Suite within the county
  - d. Which of these stations also have custody suites? One custody Suite within the county
  - e. Which days/times is this service available? 08:00am – 18:00am – 7 days per week
  - f. What Out of Hours arrangements are there? Custody forensic medical service, Crisis Resolution & Home Treatment Team, Emergency Duty Team

**6 Is a Street Triage Service in place for those with Mental Health Problems?**

**Yes (Please provide details below) Yes**

**No (Please go to Question 6)**

- a. **When was the service started? June 2017**
- b. **Which NHS or other trust provides this service? Together NHS Foundation Trust**
- c. **Which stations provide this service? Countywide Service**
- d. **Which of these stations also have custody suites? N/A**
- e. **Which days/times is this service available? 2pm till midnight Monday Tuesday Thursday and Friday**

**7 Further to NHS England's Liaison and Diversion Operating Model 2013/14, please provide the following key performance data by year since the Liaison and Diversion Team has been in service:**

- a. **Number of referrals Data not collected at this time**
- b. **Number of assessments Data not collected at this time**
- c. **Type of referrals (mainstream, voluntary, other) and the numbers for these Data not collected at this time**
- d. **Percentage of first appointment kept Data not collected at this time**
- e. **Percentage of follow up appointments kept Data not collected at this time**
- f. **Percentage of completed course of treatment/discharge Data not collected at this time**
- g. **Desistance rates of re-offending Data not collected at this time**
- h. **What information sharing protocols are in place Countywide information sharing policy although consent to share personal identifiable data was required unless risk factors overrode confidentiality or lacked capacity.**
- i. **Service user satisfaction data Data not collected at this time**

**8 Please provide the number of suspects who are not diverted from the judicial court system and receive a sentence for each year since the service has been in place. Where possible, please provide the type of outcome and numbers for each for the following:**

- a. **Custodial sentence** **Data not collected**
- b. **Community order**
  - i.) **Mental Health Treatment Requirement** **Data not collected at this time by trust**
  - ii.) **Drug Treatment Requirement** **Data not collected at this time by trust**
  - iii.) **Alcohol Treatment Requirement** **Data not collected at this time by trust**
  - iv.) **Other Treatment Requirement/Conditions** **Data not collected at this time by trust**
- c. **Suspended sentence** **Data not collected at this time by trust**
- d. **No sentence/order** **Data not collected at this time by trust**

**9 Are there any other agencies (charity, NHS, etc.) working with the Liaison and Diversion Team in relation to charged suspects with mental health? (Please provide as much detail as possible)**

**Yes (Please provide details below)**

Nelson Trust Women's Service - <https://nelsontrust.com/how-we-help/womens-community-services/>  
Prospects Youth Support Team - <https://youthsupportteam.co.uk/contact>

**10 What validated tool is used for case identification/screening of charged suspects with mental health problems? Please name, and if possible attach copy of any adapted tools.**

- a. **Validated Tool for Case Identification to Screen for Mental Health Problems name:** **Mental State Examination, LDSQ**
- b. **Who undertakes this assessment? (For example custody officer, arresting officer, etc.)**  
**Mental Health Practitioners**
- c. **Who is responsible for making referrals for this assessment?**  
**Police, courts, judiciary, magistracy, custody detention officers, FME/Custody Practitioners, court ushers, family, self-referral, security, any agency working outside of criminal justice with the individual.**
- d. **At what point is the need for assessment/referral identified?**  
**Any point on the criminal justice pathway to the point of sentencing**

**11 If a charged suspect is identified as having a mental health problem, is this information provided to:**

- a. **Local Police Force** **Yes** **With consent unless overarching reasons.**
- b. **National Probation Service** **Yes** **When required with consent**
- c. **Crown Prosecution Service**

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|---|-----|------------------|
| d. Local NHS Mental Health Teams        | Yes | Yes with consent |
| e. Any other agencies (please specify)? | Yes | Yes              |
- Yes      Any agency involved with the individual at the time of the assessment. This is dependent upon the agencies involved and may vary between cases.  
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Yours sincerely,

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