

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

15 January 2019

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Health-Based Places of Safety</b>
<b>Report of the East London Health &amp; Care Partnership</b>	
<b>Open Report</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> ALL	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
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<b>Summary:</b>  In 2017, the government formally announced changes to section 136 of the Mental Health Act 1983 (s136 MHA), through the Policing and Crime Act 2017. These came into effect on 11 December 2017.  Under these amendments, CCGs must ensure plans for the designation, and appropriate staffing of CCG-commissioned health-based places of safety. A health-based place of safety is a space where people can be detained under Section 136 of the Mental Health Act and assessed. Patients are typically detained under the Mental Health act under Section 136 by Police, then transported to a Section 136 Suite to be assessed.  In May 2018 the Healthy London Partnership produced a pan-London business case for fewer, better quality health-based places of safety. This was worked on as one of the workstreams of the East London Health & Care Partnership (the Sustainability & Transformation partnership for north east London), and the resulting proposals are set out in this report.  The report has been considered by the Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee for Outer North East London. Minutes of the discussion are at <a href="http://democracy.havering.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=19235">http://democracy.havering.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=19235</a> The committee noted the position and raised no strong objections. Points were raised in the discussion by representatives of the Metropolitan Police and the London Ambulance Service, both accepting that the proposals were about improving the quality of care available at places of safety, and	

increasing capacity (albeit at fewer sites). The issues of travel time were considered and weighed up (favourably) against the improved quality that would be delivered.

Given the current development of the Mental Health Strategy, which the Board is due to receive later in the year, it was felt useful for there to be a discussion about this development at the Board.

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Health and Wellbeing Board is recommended to:

- (i) Note the East London Health & Care Partnership's report and appendices regarding the proposals to change health-based places of safety;
- (ii) Provide feedback to the Partnership on the proposals; and
- (iii) Provide any feedback to the authors of the Mental Health Strategy on how the strategy might respond to this development.

### **List of Appendices:**

**Appendix A:** Report of the East London Health & Care Partnership on Proposals for Health-Based Places of Safety

**Appendix B:** London's Mental Health Crisis Care Programme, Stakeholder Engagement Summary, July 2018, Healthy London Partnership

**Appendix C:** Mental Health Crisis Care for Londoners, HBPOS Business Case, March 2018, Healthy London Partnership