

Commissioner's Key Decisions –October 2013

Decision:

Support Kent Police with one off funding of £77k on a pilot scheme working with the local NHS to divert those with mental health needs from inappropriate custody.

Justification:

This step has been taken to assist the Force in working with other mental health services and their Clinical Commissioning Groups to better respond to and reduce mental Health related calls to the Police. The objective is to reduce unnecessary police abstraction but also to improve the service we provide to mental health patients.

Decision:

Recruit a new Chief Constable.

Justification:

The Police & Social Responsibility Act 2011 sets out the responsibility of the Police & Crime Commissioner to appoint the Chief Constable for their respective police force.

Decision:

Launch the recruitment of Youth Commissioner.

Justification:

The Kent Police & Crime Plan sets out the priority of appointing a Youth Commissioner to ensure that the voices of young people are heard.