



**STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD**  
**3 September 2013**

**Mental Health and Learning Disabilities  
Summit held on 21 June 2013**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To inform the Board of the outcomes of the Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Summit that took place on Friday 21 June 2013.

**BACKGROUND**

2. The Mental Health and Learning Disabilities Summit was part of the programme of summits organised on behalf of the Commissioner. On this occasion the Summit was jointly hosted by West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner, Councillor Steve Bedser of Birmingham City Council, the Dudley and Walsall Partnership Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, Black Country Mental Health and Social Care NHS Foundation Trust, Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust and Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust. The organisation for the event was undertaken by West Midlands Office for Policing and Crime (WMOPC) with financial contributions towards the venue made by the partners.
3. The aims of the event were to:
  - raise the profile and awareness of the work required from strategic partnerships in order to improve the response to individuals who come into contact with the criminal justice system with mental health problems or learning disabilities.
  - encourage organisations to commit to a programme of working together and put measures in place to ensure that individuals receive the most appropriate response from the right agency at the right time.
4. The event was aimed at partners with a practical role in the management or governance of mental health and learning disabilities in the West Midlands and was attended by 55 people. There were a range of presentations and workshop sessions, all intended to discuss and encourage real improvements to the partnership arrangements for mental health and learning disability provision in the West Midlands.

5. The report of the Summit is attached at the appendix to this report and includes a Plan for Action at pages 12 and 13. Following the Summit the report, recommendations and the Plan for Action have been agreed with each of the partner agencies and has been placed in the public domain on the Commissioner's website [www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.westmidlands-pcc.gov.uk).

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6. The total cost of the Summit was £2649 which equated to £439 per contributing partner (listed in paragraph one of this report).

#### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8. The Board is asked to note the contents of the attached report and that a further update on the recommendations and the Plan for Action will be provided to the Board in April 2014.

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