GOAL

Improve police understanding, and services, around those with mental vulnerability, to include 'identifying, recording, response, referral and review'

ASSUMPTIONS/ RISKS

Why

The programme will increase qualifications and lead to greater understanding around policy and practice, while offering individuals an opportunity to conduct their own research

Activities

Police to attend Masters course in Public Administration

Develop a mental health training package for police

Conduct systematic reviews of areas of interest

Delivered to police by mental health professionals. Stations will be randomised to receive/not receive the training to assess effectiveness

Researchers at University of York will collaboratively develop a mental health training package (with service user involvement). Delivered to police by mental health professionals. Stations will be randomised to receive/not receive the training to assess effectiveness

Systematic reviews will be conducted by researchers based on questions, or areas of interest, posed by police and other stakeholders

Develop police research training based on previous delivery to other services. 1x brief masterclass for high ranking officers, 3 x days of training for max. 20/day

Researchers will attend several types of partnership meetings, and conduct a variety of interviews with partners

The training will offer basic knowledge in understanding research methods and may support further application of evidence, or specific methods, in police work, based on delivery of training to other services

The exploration of partnership working will identify what works well and not so well to inform change to current working and to reduce inefficiencies

Enhanced partnership working

Improved service user experience and access to support

Police increase awareness of mental health issues, change behaviour and ways of working with service users

Improved identification and recording, and referral

Increased understanding of conducting and using research and evidence (and policy)

OUTCOMES

Police officers’ willingness to participate/learn and be motivated to change behaviour

Effectiveness Trial (RCT)

Thesis and independent research

Pre-post survey to include open and closed questions with elements relating to each activity

Detailed qualitative coding and analysis

Partner willingness to fully participate

OTN: The police (N=6) attend Masters programme in Public Administration in the Politics Dept., University of York, part-time over 2 years


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Individuals with mental vulnerability should be confident that they will receive the best service from the police and partners, which should lead to less potential distress in times of need/service use

FINISH

Police deliver a more evidence informed service

Start

Understanding partnerships

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