



# Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System task group scoping paper

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| <p>Objective(s)<br/><i>Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic</i><br/><i>Timescale</i></p> |   |
| <p>Key questions</p>  | <p>What are the experiences people with mental health problems have of the criminal justice system?<br/>Is the criminal justice system able to treat people with mental health issues?<br/>Are their needs met in a way that enables them to access justice?<br/>Are alternative pathways available and utilised?</p>   |
| <p>Intended outcomes</p>  | <p>To produce a report on the experiences people with mental health problems have of the criminal justice system focusing on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How the criminal justice system deals with people with mental health problems; or</li> <li>2) Are people with mental health problems caught up in the criminal justice system when they should be cared for elsewhere?</li> </ol> |
| <p>Methodology</p>  | <p>Evidence gathering sessions<br/>Site visits<br/>Desktop research</p>   |
| <p>Key witnesses/contacts</p>   | <p>Adult Social Care<br/>Public Protection<br/>The Police<br/>HM Tribunals and Court Services<br/>Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Mental Health and Inequalities<br/>Healthy London Partnership (re Health Based Places of Safety)</p>   |
| <p>Timescale</p>  | <p>To report to the FPS Committee by April 2019<br/>The task group will likely take place over 5-6 sessions involving meetings and other information gathering activities. There may be a mix of evening and daytime sessions.</p>  |
| <p>Notes</p>  | <p>New legislative requirements as part of the Mental Health Act in the Policing and Crime Act 2017 (ss 135 and 136)</p>  |