

Academic–Police Partnerships: Evaluating THRIVE systems and Mental Health interventions



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The Better Policing Collaborative

- ▶ Received funding from the College of Policing to form
- ▶ Launched at Birmingham in April 2014
- ▶ Since undertaken two significant contracts

Norfolk / Suffolk Evidence Based Policing

▶ Areas of work:

- EBP Strategy
- Problem identification
- Evidence assessments
- Experiments / Evaluations
- Data analysis
- EBP education
- Responsive element

▶ Partners:

- Nottingham
- Birmingham
- Manchester Business School
- Liverpool
- Suffolk
- Aston
- Crest Analytics
- Skills for Health and Justice

THRIVE systems

- ▶ Threat, Harm, Risk, Investigation, Victim/
Vulnerability, Engagement – call triage system
- ▶ Mixed methods formative evaluation
- ▶ Findings identified the factors which supported
and undermined the implementation of THRIVE
- ▶ Suggestions/recommendations for
improvement made and changes made

Police Knowledge Fund

▶ Areas of work:

- Research and evaluation
- Developing tools
- Training
- Responsive element

▶ Partners:

- Nottingham
- Birmingham
- Liverpool
- Derby
- Suffolk
- Crest Analytics
- Skills for Health and Justice

▶ Police Force Areas:

Dorset	Gwent
Hertfordshire	Kent
Lancashire	Merseyside
Norfolk	Suffolk
Staffordshire	Sussex
Warwickshire & West Mercia	
West Midlands Police	

Mental Health Policing Interventions

- ▶ Interventions:
 - Staff Embedded in Police Control Rooms
 - Street Triage
 - Liaison and Diversion
 - *Crisis Intervention Teams (USA)*
- ▶ Systematic review: To bring together the national and international evidence on all these interventions.
- ▶ Evaluation: Support found for interventions locally as well as opportunities to improve services.
- ▶ Findings shared with Forces to inform changes

Questions?

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