

**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Subject:** Scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder.

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## **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To provide Members of the committee with information to assist them in deciding if they would like to examine the link between mental health, antisocial behaviour and crime in greater depth.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

Under the Police and Justice Act 2006, local authorities are required to have a Crime and Disorder Committee to scrutinise how the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP), is tackling crime and disorder for the benefit of the local community; looking at the work of the partnership as a whole rather than on the work of individual organisations represented on the partnership. These requirements were enacted by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 which came into force for local authorities in England on 30 April 2009.

Under the Act the Committee can:

- Review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder function
- Make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of these functions
- Request information from the responsible authorities
- Require attendance of officer or employees or responsible authorities to answer questions or to provide information.

At the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members learnt about the work of the Crime and Disorder Partnership. They identified the link

between crime, antisocial behaviour and mental health as an area for consideration at this committee. A briefing paper is attached at **Appendix 1** to assist Members determine if this is an issue of concern they would like to examine in greater depth. This could include the extent to which mental health issues cause demand for public services in Gedling and assess the degree to which services are equipped to meet the needs of people with mental health problems. Consideration of whether generic services receive the support needed from specialised mental health services and whether additional support is needed could also be included.

Members should consider if they would like to programme this in for examination by a working group, or this is a concern they would like to examine at committee.

### **3. RECOMMENDATION**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Use the information provided to inform discussion and to consider if they would like to examine the issue in greater detail.