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Re. Police Triage models

At yesterday's meeting of the Justice Committee, members discussed their work programme. In particular, members considered an interesting research paper into a number of initiatives taken by Police Scotland and others such as NHS Scotland around 'police triage' models in local communities. These have been put in place to improve the police response and service to people within communities who find themselves in distress or experiencing mental health difficulties. The pilots we were aware of in Glasgow, Dundee and Edinburgh would appear to have been quite successful, for example, in the case of Glasgow, saving an estimate 1800 hours of police officer time.

The Committee agreed to write to you asking for an update on the Community Triage Model following these pilots and any plans you have in conjunction with NHS Scotland and others for a wider roll out at a national level. For example, what would be involved in such an initiative and what implications would it have on Police Scotland's budgets to implement?

Best wishes

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