Exceptional cases for Accident and Emergency as a place of safety for S136 MHA detentions

- **Explanatory notes**
  - HPOSO = Health Based Place of Safety, this is a dedicated mental health suite to receive S136 detainees. A&E is not included as such in any reference to a HPOSO.
  - Identification of which A&E to use – Officers will take the detained person to the nearest A&E department, unless:
    - The hospital has informed the Central Management Hub they are on divert and advised which hospital to divert to.
    - There is already a person detained under S136 at the hospital, in which case the next nearest hospital will be used.

- **Decision made under S136**
  - Criteria to use Police Custody not met and Central Management Hub identifies no HPOSO available
  - The detainee is identified as having a physical health need which requires treatment at A&E

  - **Central Management Hub** to transfer the call from the Police to the A&E priority phone line.
  - **Police** to inform A&E they are on route with a S136 detainee.
  - A&E point of contact to make Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E aware S136 detainee is on route

- **Police** to notify the Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E on arrival
- Paramedics to give clinical handover to Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E if conveyed by ambulance
- Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E to review the detained persons Mental Health First notes and make the AMHP service aware at the earliest opportunity

- **Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E** to provide detention with their rights under the MHA

- **Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E** to advise police does the detained person have a physical health need which requires treatment?

  - Yes
  - Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E to provide police:
    - Time until the person has been treated for their physical condition/injury and a fit for discharge.
    - Contact AMHP to ascertain time until they could attend A&E to commence a MHA assessment.

  - **Police** to make contact with the Central Management Hub to determine availability/approximate length of time to a HPOSO being available for transfer

  - In total will it be an extended period of time? (in excess of 3 hours)

  - No

  - Police to make contact with the Central Management Hub to determine the HPOSO available for transfer

  - Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E to contact AMHP to ascertain time until they could attend A&E to commence a MHA assessment.

  - Will it be an extended period of time before a HPOSO or AMHP is available? (in excess of 3 hours)

- **Police** to remain until HPOSO available or MHA assessment completed

- **Police** and Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E to complete the Joint Mail Assessment Transfer form.

  - Does Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E agree the detainee can be safely managed by A&E staff?

    - Yes
      - Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E to assume responsibility for the detained person as soon as is practicable to enable police to withdraw
    - No
      - Police to initiate escalation process

  - Police to remain

    - Does the police officer agree with decision?

      - Yes
        - Police to remain until HPOSO available or MHA assessment completed. Decision to be re-assessed every 30 minutes
      - No
        - Nurse/Doctor in charge of A&E to assume responsibility for the detained person as soon as is practicable to enable police to withdraw