

LONDON POLICE SERVICES BOARD POLICY

LPSB Policy: 016

Title: Police Response to Persons who are Emotionally Disturbed or have a Mental Illness or a Developmental Disability

Procedure: Part 2 Chapter M

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1. Policy:

It is the policy of the London Police Services Board with respect to the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability that the Chief of Police will:

- a) work, where possible, with appropriate community members and agencies, health care providers, government agencies, municipal officials, other criminal justice agencies, and the local Crown to address service issues relating to persons who have a mental illness or developmental disability;
- b) establish procedures and processes that address the police response to persons who are emotionally disturbed or have a mental illness or a developmental disability; and
- c) ensure that the LPS's skills development and learning plan addresses the training and sharing of information with officers, communications operators/dispatchers and supervisors on:
 - i) local protocols; and
 - ii) conflict resolution and use of force in situations involving persons who may be emotionally disturbed, or may have a mental illness or developmental disability.

2. Reference(s):

- a) Adequacy Standards Guideline: **LE - 013**