

## Membership

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## Background

Colin Dale work nationally at the interface between the mental health ‘community’ and the criminal justice system. He was a particular remit within NIMHE to look at violence in the workplace, and has drawn up guidelines around this in the recent past.)

## Purpose of National Interface Board

To act as national and strategic interface between different stakeholder in mental health/criminal justice community. The group would identify, debate, agree on areas of strategic importance that required more indepth assessment and policy development. The group would act as a project board to ‘commission’ project groups to examine particular projects and eventually sign off policy documents to provide a national steer and resource for the wider community.

## Assessment and admission to hospital interface project

Focus:

- to develop national standards and policy principles in the above area
- to highlight areas of good practice and support the development of ‘smart’ locally based policy.
- To identify key monitoring data and tools, to help develop local and national data sets of relevant information

Method:

- Identify key areas (ie s135/136, assessment on private premises, assessment in police stations, criminal justice vs civil disposal
- Identify current areas of good practice in key area
- Develop monitoring tools by identifying a/what should be common basic standards b/ a national data set of information that can and should be collected (eg waits, ethnicity, gender...) c/ considering what should be monitored at a local level (and by whom- ie level of seniority)
- What to feed up to a regional/national level.

(in addition, some information on data collection and by whom may be included in the code of practice)

**Purpose of workshop session at the national conference**

- To consider issues of method, what standard data set should be, monitoring tools, and identifying good practice as it currently exists.
- To get a commitment to form a 'e- workgroup' outside of the conference to continue to develop systems.

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