

Level

Tier

Scope

Joined Up

County, Fire

Emergency Response



Heddlu
Gwent
Police

Joint Response Unit

Characteristic(s) / CSF(s):
Managing Expenditure



Problem and Approach

- A Joint Working Initiative between Heddlu Gwent Police and the Welsh Ambulance Service to address incidents where Police Officers in attendance require the attendance of medical assistance/advice thereby reducing the strain on the Emergency Ambulance Service and releasing Police Officers more quickly from incidents to perform other duties.
- This initiative has now been taken up and rolled out in Police Forces and Ambulances Services throughout the UK.

Outcomes

- Of the 1808 incidents only 467 required further Ambulance Backup
- In “non cashable” savings, the JRU has released Emergency Ambulances and Rapid Response Vehicles back into the systems and the estimated cost of these savings is £335,250.
- In “non cashable” savings, the JRU has also released Police Officers back into the system and the estimated cost of these savings is £149,000.
- The number of hours worked by the Special Constabulary Team has been in excess of 4,680hrs and this would equate to circa £93,000.
- The JRU has therefore saved in “non cashable” terms close to £577,250

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