

# Information Sharing with Police

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# History and Importance of Information Sharing

- Multi organisational process - links between people, care and treatment, objects and locations
- Improved public services for those in need
- Increased openness – working together
- Shared expertise, professionalism and understanding
- Informed decisions when several people are involved
- Enhanced safety for individual and communities
- Supports consistency of interventions
- 24 / 7 care, treatment and support

# Information Sharing Agreements

- Between partners – about how we will share
- Advantage to having ISA
- Consistency in how we share
- Conditions on how we share
- Ensuring lawfully shared
- Better use of resources
- Build confidence for individual and communities



## What aspects should an ISA cover ?

- Purpose of the activity
- Specifically what personal information is shared
- Why need ISA / Who has access to information
- Benefits, retention, transparency
- Legal power for sharing
- Who the agreement is between
- When we will share
- How will we share
- Governance and oversight



# The importance of sharing

- Past serious Case Reviews
- 2000 Lord Laing's report into the death of Victoria Climbié
- 2004 The Bichard Inquiry into the murders of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman in Soham.
- 2008 Baby Peter Serious Case Review
- 2013 The Savile enquiry
- Supports best and safer practice
- Liaison and Diversion Services
- Street Triage Services



## Early Intervention

## Some of the Frameworks

- Human Rights Act 1998
- Common Law Duty
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Criminal Justice Act 2003
- Crime and Disorder Act 1998
- Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Mental Capacity Act 2005
- National Health Service Act 2006

## Workshop Questions

- What are the challenges / barriers for sharing Information around adults and how can we improve how we do it ?
- Does 'Confidentiality' mean that we don't share?
- Is consent to share an issue ?
- What else do we need to consider ?