# **Appendix 2: Section 136 Mental Health Act - Joint Protocol Flow Chart:**

# **Bedfordshire Police + East London Foundation NHS Trust**

**Taking Advice**

Police officers considering using s136 powers to take advice as required by MHA as per local protocol

**Detaining a Person**

Police officer makes the decision to detain under s136 and searches the person under the act if deemed necessary.

**Attending PoS**

Police officer/ FCC to contact the DSN on 07930445215 to inform them of impending arrival at Jade Ward s136 suite PoS.

(DSN to escalate via the ELFT on-call manager to provide support to if PoS unavailable.)

Police to request conveyance as per guidelines

**Arrival at PoS**

DSN to allow entry to suite and provide officers with access fob. DSN and Police officers to complete 136 monitoring form including joint risk assessment within 30 minutes.

**Initial Assessment at PoS**

DSN to contact first on call doctor & AMHP to arrange screening for suitability to assess detained person under MHA. DSN to advise police of ETA.

**MHAA Required**

If police still at scene, then, DSN and police to re-review joint risk assessment.

DSN to complete referral for MHAA in a timely manner to ensure the assessment takes place within AMHPS 3-hour target. AMHPS to prioritise s136 assessments in order to achieve this.

AMHPS attend and complete MHA.

**MHAA Not Required**

If police still at scene, then, DSN to update officers with outcome.

Person discharged.

**Recording**

Police to complete and submit Athena s136 investigation and DSN to submit monitoring form.