

**Workshop Information for
International Initiative in Mental Health
Leadership Exchange
Manchester
12 June 2014, 2.00 – 4.00pm**

Title:

Improving Working Between Police and Mental Health Services

Description:

This workshop will focus on police responses to mental health emergencies and criminal investigation involving suspects in distress. Reflecting on the learning for police services that have emerged from critical inquiries into operational short-comings, delegates will be invited to look at the leadership of mental health services from a criminal justice perspective, to see how these two state agencies overlap and where they may leave gaps into which some vulnerable people may fall.

Workshop Leaders

Michael Brown

Organisations: West Midlands Police

Brief Biography:

Learning Objectives:

(i.e. What should participants expect to learn/experience)

The presentation will allow me to put delegates through looking at policing and mental health from a police officer's perspective, using operational vignettes to draw out strategic issues for the service. The intention behind this approach - which I've used before, to positive feedback - is to have delegates look at how mental health services might look upon things in recognition of the pressures incidents place upon police officers. All intended to then draw out discussion / debate after putting the delegates under time pressure to decide certain things that police must officers must wrestle with.