

## **Bronze Actions Crime Disruption Flow Chart Guidance**

### **Introduction:**

A bronze action is the lowest level of police intervention regarding a persons offending behaviour which is linked to their misuse of substances. It facilitates access to treatment and creates opportunities for people to have an alternative to entering the criminal justice system.

This is a partnership initiative with substance misuse treatment providers on the Isle of Wight who have developed a positive working relationship with the police. However, all agencies still adhere to their confidentiality policies and will only share information on a need to know basis.

### **Process:**

1. Drug intelligence is received from a number of sources:
  - i. Police informant
  - ii. Treatment services
  - iii. Concerned family member/ friends
  - iv. Prisons
  - v. Probation
  - vi. Other community sources
2. 5 by 5 by 5 system applied and information scored against this matrix. If information deemed valid further research is conducted through blue boxes agencies.
3. The European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) criteria is also applied in these circumstances to ensure that any action taken is:
  - i. Justifiable
  - ii. Authorised
  - iii. Proportionate
  - iv. Auditable
  - v. Necessary
4. If information does not meet criteria for a bronze action further options are considered.
5. If information following research meets criteria for a bronze action the authorisation for a letter is granted by the superintendent.
6. Where there is information that the person may have committed an offence, the bronze action letter includes:
  - i. Brief of which offence the person may be committing
  - ii. Brief of any previous convictions for a like offence
  - iii. Invite into treatment
7. Where the person has not committed any offence other than that relating to drug misuse, the bronze action letter will include:
  - i. Information on drugs being used
  - ii. That their drug misuse maybe becoming problematic
  - iii. Invite into treatment

8. If offer of treatment is accepted retention in treatment will be monitored monthly.
9. If offer of treatment is declined or person is not retained in treatment the record of the bronze action is retained by the police on the Police Record management System (RMS).
10. If further information relating to any individual who has received a bronze action is received then further action may well be taken which may result in arrest / conviction.