

Police Rehabilitation and Retraining Trust

Response to the Implications of Proposed Cuts

within the Draft Budget 2022-25

PRRT's healthcare provision services are primarily psychological therapies and physiotherapy. Since the beginning of the pandemic our core business referrals of chronic and complex post trauma reactions have been significantly compounded by Covid related lockdowns and restrictions. This has added additional pressures on our services and have contributed to extended waiting lists.

The proposed cuts within the current Draft Budget for 2022-25 will undoubtedly impact upon our service provision and capacity. As a result, it will give rise to a displacement of some of our clients who will then seek alternative treatment. It should be noted that these displaced cases will require specialist treatment provision and contain a significant proportion of individuals who on assessment present risks to self and others.

As PRRT's financial model is prudently managed and compared to the NHS has a lower treatment cost per patient, we would question the rationale for reducing our income. The displacement of clients from our specialist healthcare provision to the NHS, will undoubtedly come at a higher cost both financially and in manpower resources.

Summary of Impacts, mitigating actions, prioritisation and areas where work will need to be paused or slowed down

- PRRT provides specialist clinical health services which are tangible and measurable and contributes to alleviating waiting times and treatment pressures on the National Health Service (NHS).
- In order to meet existing inescapable pressures and the budget cuts – a reduction of staff would be the only option. This would extend waiting lists and impact on the NHS. In the short term to make savings, as PRRT have no vehicle to remove staff, they will therefore need to rely on attrition and a freeze on recruitment.