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£3.3 million pounds will come to Cumbria to fund a pilot scheme supporting people in mental health crisis.

The multi-agency bid was approved this week and will see separate accident and emergency (A&E) facilities developed at the Cumberland Infirmary in Carlisle to provide specialist help.

The office of Cumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner along with NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group and other agencies providing local services, submitted the bid to the Home Office Innovation Fund.

The funding will be used to develop a pilot scheme in Carlisle which if successful could be rolled out across Cumbria.

Janice Horrocks, Deputy Director of Mental Health & Learning Disabilities at the NHS Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) said: "I am absolutely delighted that we have been successful with this bid. The pilot scheme is going to open up some huge opportunities in Cumbria.

"The scheme means that people in mental health crisis who require health care and intervention will have a fit for purpose assessment and treatment centre. It's designed to make it a better experience for service users and provide better support to other organisations involved.

"It is essential that we start treating mental health emergencies with the same degree of care and urgency as physical emergencies. The funding of this scheme helps us move towards this and will offer that essential support and specialist help to those in crisis.

"Part of this work also involves setting up a telephone triage service which will help police officers, out of hours doctors, paramedics and others working in related fields to make sure that people can access the right support.

"This has been a great multi-agency effort and I would like to thank everyone for their work so far and look forward to implementing this important initiative. Hopefully in the future we can develop these services across the whole county."

Notes

Other partners involved in the scheme include:

- Cumbria Constabulary
- Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)
- Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (CPFT)
- North West Ambulance Service (NWAS)
- Cumbria County Council (CCC)
- 3rd Sector Organisations
- Section 12 (Mental Health Act) approved Doctors

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