

Police and Crisis Team (PACT)

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What is PACT's Mandate?

- Launched in 2004
- Partnership between Edmonton Police Service and Alberta Health Services
- Provides a joint response to incidents of adults experiencing a mental health crisis
- Four teams consisting of a Police Constable & Mental Health Therapist

Memorandum of Understanding

- A statement of intent between Edmonton Police Service & Alberta Health Services
- Allows information to be shared within PACT

Why the Need for PACT?

- From a mental health perspective...
 - Only Police have authority to apprehend and convey to hospital
 - Limited knowledge of Police information and legal history

Why the Need for PACT? (Cont'd)

- From a Police perspective...
 - Repeat (mental health) calls for service
 - Limited access to / knowledge of mental health supports & services
 - Numerous apprehensions without admission to hospital

What Does PACT Do?

- Respond to mental health crises identified by Police and Health Services
- Provide assessment, intervention, and supports in the community
- Offer consultation and assistance with mental health related calls

Case Study

- 28 year old female diagnosed with schizophrenia
- Screaming in her suite and hallways; believes she's being monitored; sending bizarre messages
- No imminent risks or threats identified; won't allow anyone entrance

Conclusion

- PACT ensures more effective and positive outcomes
- PACT assists in providing better service to the community
- PACT helps to create a healthier and safer community