## **Broadmoor Alert**

- a) Broadmoor Hospital is the high security psychiatric hospital located in Crowthorne. Previously, it had an escape warning system consisting of sirens.
- b) From 2019, Broadmoor Hospital replaced these sirens, although one siren remains within the perimeter of the hospital.
- c) The new escape warning system is a text alert called the Thames Valley Alert (TVA) system.



- d) TVA is a web hosted system provided by Thames Valley Police whereby individuals can register their phone numbers and receive voice messages and/or texts and emails directly from the police in the event of an escape. The TVA website is at <a href="https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk">https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk</a>
- e) By registering to receive TVA alerts individuals can also receive alerts and advice on criminal activities in their area.
- f) Key staff such as headteachers, Deputies, Secretaries, Bursars, Service Heads and Duty Managers etc should individually register on the TVA system. They are then responsible to pass on Alert information to staff in the school.
- g) It is recommended that schools also encourage all staff, governors and parents to also register with TVA to enhance communication in this area.



h) The school must also notify staff and increase the level of alert in the school, and to use the risk assessment to decide whether to implement their Lockdown Plan.