

**To the Chair and Members of the
Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel**

Doncaster Suicide Prevention Plan

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Cllr Nigel Ball Portfolio Holder for Public Health, Leisure and Culture	All	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Local Authorities have a responsibility to have local suicide prevention plans in place. This report gives an overview of local suicide data and provides the committee with the Doncaster Suicide Prevention Plan for scrutiny.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. There is no exempt information contained in the report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. For the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel to be advised of the data relating to local suicides, and assured of a robust Suicide Prevention Plan for Doncaster

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. The Suicide Prevention Plan contains a range of themed actions in accordance with national Public Health England guidance, which contribute to the prevention of suicides in Doncaster and support for those affected.

BACKGROUND

5. In January 2017, a local conference was held to refresh the local suicide prevention plan in accordance with new Public Health England Guidance. Over 80 professional from a range of disciplines attended and workshops were conducted to define the actions for the refreshed plan in accordance with the themes of the national guidance, namely:
 - Reducing risk in men
 - Preventing and responding to self-harm
 - Mental health of children and young people

- Treatment of depression in primary care
- Acute mental health care
- Tackling high frequency locations
- Reducing isolation
- Bereavement support
- Data and intelligence

6. Delivery of the plan is overseen by the multi- disciplinary Suicide Prevention Group which meets bi-monthly and is chaired by Doctor Seddon from Doncaster CCG with support from Public Health.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

7. The Suicide Prevention Group looked at examples of suicide prevention plans from other local authority areas in deciding how best to format and lay out Doncaster's plan.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

8. The option adopted for the plan's format was in accordance with best practice as outlined in Public Health England guidance.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	This is not applicable.
	<p>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	The themed sections of the suicide prevention plan put in place actions which contribute to lessening the likelihood that individuals take their own lives and provides support for those affected by suicide
	<p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> 	This is not applicable

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> 	
	<p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> 	The plan provides mechanisms of support for those considering suicide and for those affected by suicide
	Council services are modern and value for money.	
	Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.	The Suicide Prevention Group is a well- attended multidisciplinary group chaired by Doncaster CCG and supported by Public Health

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

10. A strategic objective of the plan is to reduce the suicide rate in the population, and the plan to achieve this is based on best available evidence of national Public Health England guidance

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11. There are no specific legal implications associated with this report. The Council has a vital role to play in suicide prevention and the production of a suicide plan will document how this Council intends to contribute to suicide prevention.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. Public health 2017/18 budget setting approved £5k per annum to help with vulnerable people. The budget is intended for campaigns or training costs. If there are any costs associated with this suicide prevention plan, then the £5k budget will meet these costs.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no direct Human Resources implications to this decision.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

14. There are no technological implications to this decision.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

15. The plan was developed using the themes from national guidance which reflect differential impacts of suicide on affected groups.

CONSULTATION

16. A large multidisciplinary group (80+ people) was consulted regarding development of the plan at a local conference.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. Background papers include:

- Local Suicide Prevention Planning: a practice resource (PHE, Oct 2016) - https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/585411/PHE_local_suicide_prevention_planning_practice_resource.pdf
- Doncaster Suicide Prevention Local Action Plan Draft 4 in Appendix A
- Doncaster Suicide Data in Appendix C

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