
Decision Maker: HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title: SCOPING DISCUSSION ON PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY FOR BROMLEY

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Ward: Borough-wide

1. Summary

- 1.1. In 2012, the Government published a cross-party suicide prevention strategy. The aims of this strategy were to; reduce the suicide rate in the general population and provide better support for those bereaved or affected by suicide.
- 1.2. Furthermore, Public Health England also published 'Local Suicide Prevention Planning: A Practice Resource Guidance' in the same year". This report endorsed the three steps for local plan development that were originally recommended by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention:
 - Establish a multi-agency stakeholder group
 - Complete a suicide audit
 - Develop a suicide prevention strategy and/or action plan that is based on the national strategy and local data
- 1.3. Bromley does not currently have a suicide prevention strategy or action plan, in January 2018, the Public Health Team were asked by the Bromley Mental Health Strategic Board to lead the development of a strategy for the local population
- 1.4. Since this time, the Public Health Team has established a multi-agency stakeholder group and begun to develop a suicide prevention strategy and/or action plan based on the national strategy and local data

2. Reason for Report going to Health and Wellbeing Board

- 2.1 The Bromley Mental Health Strategic Board has requested the development of a suicide prevention strategy.
- 2.2 This paper details the rationale and evidence base that has been used to convene the Suicide Prevention Strategy multi-agency stakeholder group and the current progress of the group in producing a Suicide Prevention Strategy for Bromley.

**3. SPECIFIC ACTION REQUIRED BY HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD AND ITS
CONSTITUENT PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to review the rationale and proposed process for developing a Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan for Bromley and endorse these proposals.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: No Cost
 2. Ongoing costs: No Cost
 3. Total savings: Not Applicable
 4. Budget host organisation: Not Applicable
 5. Source of funding: Not Applicable
 6. Beneficiary/beneficiaries of any savings: Not Applicable
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Supporting Public Health Outcome Indicator(s)

The development of a suicide prevention strategy and group is a key recommendation made by the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Suicide and Self-Harm Prevention

4. COMMENTARY

- 4.1 Report appended at Appendix 1.

5. IMPACT ON VULNERABLE PEOPLE AND CHILDREN

- 5.1 Those affected by or with an increased risk of committing suicide or performing self-harm are amongst the most vulnerable groups in the population, including; the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, older men, those bereaved by suicide and those in financial distress amongst many more.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The development of both a suicide prevention strategy and group is a recommendation endorsed by Public Health England, the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Suicide and Self-Harm and the Independent Mental Health Taskforce to the NHS in England.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Financial Implications, Implications for Other Governance Arrangements, Boards and Partnership Arrangements, including any Policy and Financial Changes, required to Process the Item, and Comment from the Director of Public Health
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	Not Applicable.