

References from Other Council Bodies

Health and Wellbeing Board

Cabinet

Date: 13th July 2016

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Wards: All

Locality Affected: All

Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 To consider a reference from the meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board held on 25th May 2016.
- 1.2 In particular, Cabinet is asked to note and endorse the findings of the Swindon Suicide Audit and to agree that the revised Suicide Prevention Strategy be adopted.
- 1.3 In Swindon a Suicide Audit has been carried out regularly since 2009 and the findings used to review and update a Swindon suicide prevention strategy. This work is overseen by the multi-agency Swindon Suicide and Self Harm Prevention Group.

2. Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to consider Minute 63(2) of the Health and Wellbeing Board meeting held on 25th May 2016, concerning the latest profile of suicide in Swindon, and outlining the actions being undertaken to prevent the occurrence of suicide, and to:

- 2.1.1 note and endorse the findings of the Swindon Suicide Audit
- 2.1.2 agree that the revised Suicide Prevention Strategy be adopted.

3. Detail

- 3.1 At its meeting on 25th May 2016, the Health and Wellbeing Board considered a report providing an update on the latest profile of suicide in Swindon, and outlining the actions being undertaken to prevent the occurrence of suicide. The key recommendations to reduce the suicide rate were as follows (Appendix 2, part 4):
 - 3.1.1 Ensure that all those working with high risk groups continue to have access to appropriate training on suicide and self-harm, including those working in schools and colleges, emergency departments, other emergency services, primary care, care environments and the criminal and

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youth justice systems. Six, two day ASIST suicide prevention training courses will be rolled out over 2016-2018.

- 3.1.2 Focus mental health promotion and suicide prevention interventions on boys and men. Interventions should be targeted through community locations as well as health settings. The aim is to engage more effectively with men including those who are homeless or suffering from substance misuse issues. This would include Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide initiative to engage more with men bereaved by suicide.
- 3.1.3 Review the Self-Harm Register in the Great Western Hospital Emergency Department and use data to inform the Swindon suicide audit and prevention strategy. This will include a register for Children and Young People. In conjunction with this a task group to reduce emergency hospital admissions for self harm will be set up to tackle the high rates in Swindon. This should include service user feedback from attenders on what could make a difference.
- 3.1.4 Review substances used for self-poisoning and where possible reduce access to these substances.
- 3.1.5 Ensure that mental health needs are given equal consideration to physical health needs in those with a long-term health condition, and provide support for self-management and self-care which supports mental wellbeing as well as physical health.
- 3.1.6 Support campaigns and initiatives to reduce loneliness and social isolation.
- 3.1.7 Work with planners and developers in Swindon to include suicide risk in health and safety considerations when designing multi-storey car parks, bridges and high-rise buildings that may offer suicide opportunities.
- 3.1.8 Address the suicide risk associated with homelessness through the establishment of Homelessness forum and links to the homelessness strategy 2016-21.
- 3.1.9 Provide better information and support to those bereaved or affected by suicide; support the media in delivering sensitive approaches to suicide and suicidal behaviour and support research, data collection and monitoring including:
- 3.1.10 Work with the local media in Swindon to encourage responsible reporting of stories around suicide and self-harm and to provide information about sources of support and helplines when reporting suicide and suicidal behaviour.

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- 3.1.11 Ensure that interventions implemented as a result of these recommendations are evaluated and learning shared in Swindon and nationally in order to develop the evidence base on what works in suicide prevention. Capturing the views of those who have attempted suicide on what could make a difference.
- 3.1.12 Thematic Lessons learnt from agencies route cause analysis of deaths by suicide are shared where appropriate with relevant agencies.
- 3.2 Following its consideration of the report, and the Swindon Suicide Audit, Strategy and Recommendations for 2016-2018, set out in Appendix 1 to the report, the Board resolved:
- (1) To note the findings of the Swindon Suicide Audit and endorse the strategic recommendations.
- (2) To recommend to Cabinet and the Clinical Commissioning Governing Body that they note the Swindon Suicide Audit findings, endorse the recommendations and adopt the strategy
- 3.3 The original report considered by the Health and Wellbeing Board is available on the Council's website, via the following link, or on request from Committee and Members Services (*the clerk's contact details are set out below*).
- <http://ww5.swindon.gov.uk/moderngov/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=933&MId=7298&Ver=4>
- 4. Alternative Options**
- 4.1 It is a matter for Cabinet as to whether the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Board, are supported or not.
- 5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management**
- Financial and Procurement Implications
- 5.1 This report has no financial or procurement implications. The report to the Health and Wellbeing Board advises that any recommendations made in that report could be resourced within current budget allocations and that, where additional resources might be required, an appropriate business case would be prepared.
- Legal and Human Rights Implications
- 5.2 Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken fully into account in compiling this report. It is considered that the recommendations of this report are compatible with convention rights.
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All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 This report has no other specific implications.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 A Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) is not required in respect of this report. The report to the Board advises that all key diversity groups have been considered whilst undertaking the review and that the report specifically highlights issues regarding gender, age, disability (particularly long term conditions), sexual orientation which have specific implication for suicide prevention.r.

Risk Management

- 5.5 There are no identified unmitigated risks.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 None.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Minute 63 of the Health and Wellbeing Board – 25th May 2016.
- 8.2 Appendix 2 - Swindon Suicide Audit, Strategy and Recommendations 2016 – 2018

9. Key Decision/Decision in Cabinet Work Programme/Forward Plan

- 9.1 This is not a Key Decision and is included in the Cabinet Work Programme / Forward Plan for June 2016.