

CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 13TH JULY 2016

MINUTE FOR CONFIRMATION

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2016

63. Suicide Prevention

The 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.

Frances Mayes, Senior Public Health Manager at Swindon Borough Council, introduced the report and highlighted how suicide prevention is a long standing Public Health responsibility that is now the responsibility of the Local Authority. She noted that in Swindon a suicide audit has been carried out regularly since 2009, with the findings being used to review and update a suicide prevention strategy. She outlined the national policy context, the high risk groups, and the local suicide prevention governance arrangements, and confirmed that in all measures the rate for Swindon is slightly higher than England and the South West, but not statistically significantly different.

Following the presentation of the report, and the Swindon Suicide Audit, Strategy and Recommendations for 2016-2018 in Appendix 1, Board members discussed the matters raised, including:

- The measuring of repeat self-harming which is measured the same way across the country. The Board noted that there are a small number of people within Swindon who can be categorised as such, and that there has been a reduction this year in the number of children in this category. It was agreed that an item to discuss self-harming would be added to the Board's Work Programme.
- The Board were advised that adults do not currently have as many support services in place as children, but that a risk panel is now set up following each suicide attempt to determine the support required. Data from each panel will be analysed following at least 15 months of operation to help redress this imbalance.

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.