

# Westminster Health & Wellbeing Board

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Classification: General Release

Title: Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2018 -2021

Report of: Public Health Department

Wards Involved: All

**Policy Context:** In January 2017 the third progress report of the

cross-government suicide prevention strategy

included an update to the 2012 strategy. One of the areas for action was better and more consistent local planning and action by ensuring every local area has a multi-agency suicide prevention plan, with agreed priorities and actions. Westminster has an existing multi-agency suicide prevention action plan and the document brought forward for consideration is a

refreshed action plan.

Financial Summary: N/A

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# 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This is the second suicide prevention action plan for Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, City of Westminster and it seeks to build on the progress made so far.
- 1.2 The document includes a summary of progress made under the current action plan, a refresh of the analysis of the data and a new 3-year action plan. The development of this multi-agency plan has been led by public health with the suicide prevention working group and was consulted on at a multi-agency stakeholder event in November.
- 1.3 The working draft action plan is brought before the Health and Wellbeing Board for their comment and steer. Subject to any amendments required, the action plan will

then proceed for the endorsement of the action plan at the March meeting of the board.

# 2. Key Matters for the Board

- 2.1 The board are requested to provide comment and steer on the draft action plan and in particular:
  - 2.1.1 Does the report include the correct priorities?
  - 2.1.2 Will the actions deliver a reduction in the number of suicides?
  - 2.1.3 Are there organisations or actions missing from the plan?
  - 2.1.4 Is there capacity to deliver on this plan?
  - 2.1.5 The plan requires sub-regional work coordinated by Like Minded on setting up suicide surveillance systems and the cooperation of the other boroughs in North West London.
  - 2.1.6 The plan requires engaging Thrive LDN and the GLA in taking leadership on working with the media on responsible reporting.

## 3. Background

- 3.1This is the second suicide prevention action plan for Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, City of Westminster and it seeks to build on the progress made so far.
- 3.2Work to prevent suicide in the three boroughs is co-dependant on existing and developing work to promote good mental health, in particular amongst men, young people and minorities.
- 3.3The last Annual Report from the Director of Public Health took mental health as its focus. Key recommendations from that report on the production of a mental health JSNA and subsequently the development of a mental health strategy will be essential elements in achievement of effective, long term, upstream suicide prevention.

## 4. Options / Considerations

4.1 See section 2.1

#### 5. Legal Implications

5.1 Not applicable

# 6. Financial Implications

# 6.1 Not applicable

#### **APPENDICES:**

TOWARDS ZERO SUICIDE; A SUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK ACTION PLAN (draft version 7) for London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, City of Westminster 2018-2021

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Suicide prevention: developing a local action plan, published by Public Health England in 2016.

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/suicide-prevention-developing-a-local-action-plan