

# **Suicide Prevention Meeting**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**14.00 – 16.00**

**Meeting Room 58, NYCC County Hall**

## **Present:**

Lisa Brain – Partnership Intelligence Analyst, North Yorkshire Police

John Clare – Partnership Commissioning Unit

Denise Colmer – TEWV

Rachael Foxevens - Ryedale District Council

Susanne James – Coroner's Office, North Yorkshire Police

Victoria Marshall – Projects Assistant, NYCC

Harvey Morgan – TEWV Crisis Team

Shane Mullen – Public Health Intelligence Specialist, NYCC

Heather Pearson – North Yorkshire Police

Claire Robinson – Health Improvement Manager, NYCC

Bill Scott – North Yorkshire Police

## **Apologies:**

Abigail Barron – Delivery and Implementation Manager, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG

Lincoln Sargeant – Director of Public Health for North Yorkshire, NYCC

## **1. Introduction and apologies**

Welcome and introductions were given around the room.

## **2. Reason for the meeting**

- a. Group membership**
- b. Documents**
- c. Data**
- d. Prevention**

Heather Pearson gave a brief background of how the group came to be set up and a working group established under Lincoln Sargeant.

Claire Robinson gave a brief background to the mental health strategy currently being developed for North Yorkshire. The group agreed that a suicide prevention strategy for North Yorkshire will sit under the mental health strategy.

**Action: CR to talk to SM regarding NY suicide data.**

Denise Colmer detailed her work in County Durham, Darlington and four localities of Teesside. An audit is undertaken for all cases of suicide and deaths resulting from unexplained injuries using a variety of data sources. There is a suicide prevention task group which the audit feeds into. Teesside has also developed an implementation framework together which also incorporates the strategy.

Mechanisms have been put in place by which a real-time picture of what is happening locally can be determined. If there is an unexpected increase or cluster of suicides the response committee can be called.

Teesside's local data is more inclusive than the national data set e.g. including drug related deaths, narrative verdicts and deaths through misadventure. They are also including people who are non-residents, although overall people tend to stay in their own locality as opposed to travelling.

There is a need to look at self-harm and attempted suicide data. This data is currently limited but is particularly important for prevention. NYCC is looking at the range of services available as part of the mental health work. The group highlighted the need to do a gap analysis of service provision.

The group highlighted the importance both of local data in terms of rural areas/variation in access to means and the proportion of 'missing from homes' who have gone on to commit suicide.

GP Net is developing an e-learning package. It was agreed that GP representation is needed at the group.

The police are looking at expanding the range of mental health data available to them and potentially getting officers to focus on the top ten risky behaviours.

**Action: CR to invite York and Leeds Trust representatives to future meetings.**

The group discussed referral pathways and access to crisis teams. It's no good having people talking to GPs when they really need to access the crisis team.

### **3. Way forward and next steps**

The group agreed to look at the following:

- Data in terms of need
- Pathways
- Training for frontline staff
- Gaps in provision
- Information sharing protocols with the Coroner's office

Regarding funding, discussions need to be had with the CCGs about funding a dedicated post. Lincoln Sargeant is involved with the mental health work and is keen to look at funding through Public Health.

**Action: CR to draft an implementation plan for North Yorkshire and circulate to the group.**

**Action: CR to invite Kevin Pratt from Leeds to future meetings.**

**Action: CR, LB and SM to meet to discuss data.**

**Action: CR to speak with Jenni Newberry from the PCC Office re finances.**

**Action: CR to look at York representation.**

**Action: VM to circulate dates for the next meeting in a month's time.**

Susanne James highlighted that the three coroners have a strategic board meeting every quarter. At the next meeting in May she will discuss the strategy and schedule HP to attend re information sharing protocol.