

Suicide Prevention Task Group

MINUTES

Thursday 4th June 2015

10.00 – 11.30

North Block HAS Conference Room 212, County Hall

Present:	Apologies:
Claire Robinson Health Improvement Manager (CR)	Dallas Frank – North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children's Board Manager, NYCC (DF)
Liz Vickerstaff - Quality Lead Yorkshire and Humber Commissioning Support (LV)	Tony Collins – Chief Executive, St Michaels Hospice (TC)
Allan Harder Detective Chief Inspector NY Police (AH)	Victoria Pilkington Deputy Director PCU (VP)
Lisa Brain – Partnership Intelligence Analyst, North Yorkshire Police (LBr)	Gemma Swan – Delivery and Implementation Manager, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG (AB)
Vicky Waterson Health Improvement Manager (VW)	Susanne James – Coroner's Office, North Yorkshire Police (SJ)
Neil Murray NYCC (NM)	Alan Jenks – Head of Housing, Harrogate Borough Council (AJ)
Diane Lee PHE (DL)	Cllr. Tony Hall – Councillor (TH)
Bill Scott – North Yorkshire Police (BS)	Shane Mullen – Public Health Intelligence Specialist, NYCC (SM)
Gillian Charters - Samaritans (GC)	Brenda Wilson Senior Practitioner: Suicide Prevention TEWV (BW)
Richard Price BTP (RP)	Avril Hunter Strategic - Commissioning Manager (AH)
Steve Wilcox PCU (SW)	Janet Probert, Director of Partnership Commissioning Unit (JP)
Denise Colmer TEWV (DC)	
Christine McCann TEWV (CMcC)	
Emma Chawner NYCC (EC)	
Graham North NYCC (GN)	

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1	Welcome and introductions	
	Welcome and introductions were given around the room.	
2	Minutes and matters arising	




	Minutes were agreed as accurate, subject to correcting the heading.	
3	Group to include self-harm and suicides	
	<p>The group was originally concerned with suicide prevention but will now include self-harm.</p> <p>EC gave update – Louise Dunn hosted an event to collect ideas then produced children and young people self-harm pathway.</p> <p>BS confirmed police support; met Louise 3 months ago but need to address issues relating to police being the last point of call and also to ensure children and young people get the appropriate services. Out of hours response is an issue.</p> <p>SW considered it would be useful to have a similar document for adults, it was suggested that providers of mental health services would be an appropriate lead for this work.</p> <p>Action: CR to contact MH providers to determine whether this fits with the work of the Crisis Care Concordat.</p> <p>Action: CR to check with Louise on next steps, training and launch of the C&YP self-harm pathway. (Louise is leaving her post so this will be taken up with replacement.)</p>	CR
4	Suicide Audit Group	
	<p>CR took a proposal to set up an audit group to management board. The group will carry out a 5 year audit looking at a cross section of cases. It will sit outside this group and aim to form a full picture of someone's life and feed information into CCGs etc.</p> <p>CR discussed membership of the group and format of information. Suggested members – LB, AH, AC, EC, SW, SM.</p> <p>The issue of coroner's information was discussed – some suicides could be missed if verdict not recorded as such.</p> <p>Action: LB to do a trawl on police records which include potential suicides.</p>	LB



	<p>Action: CR to ask SM to look into self-harm which will also be included.</p> <p>RP can give detailed information on deaths on railways.</p> <p>Early alerts and cluster deaths were discussed. Information on both suicides and drugs deaths will go through AC when he is in post.</p> <p>The group discussed producing support packs for bereaved families, schools etc – AC will be looking into this. CR has received a spec for services recently commissioned by Leeds.</p> <p>CR will set up this group and confirmed that there is huge scope given the large gap in information and support.</p> <p>SW will raise this at the next Safeguarding Adults Board meeting.</p>	CR
5	Suicide Prevention Coordinator Update	
	<p>Andy Chapman (AC) has been recruited but is not yet in post. AC has recently retired from North Yorkshire Police after 30 years' service during which time he dealt with many suicide deaths.</p> <p>AC outlined his experience and discussed ideas for taking the post forward.</p> <p>GN invited AC to contact him regarding railways, stations etc.</p>	
6	Suicide Prevention Implementation Plan	
	To be deferred to the next meeting.	
7	Children and Young People Update	
	<p>EC gave an update on a report on child deaths process. She is looking at lessons learned. She discussed suicides among children, methods, reasons, survival, effects on families, social media etc. She referred to Safe and Sound charity which works with children who have been sexually abused as a model for raising awareness.</p>	



	<p>Action: DL to send link to Rotherham report to CR. Action: DC to send information on good examples to EC.</p> <p>EC discussed Children’s Safeguarding and Strategy Groups – 5 – 6 groups locally based – and invited contacts particularly to the Harrogate group chaired by Justin Vaughan.</p> <p>Action: Anyone interested to contact CR. Action: EC to send further information to CR.</p>	<p>DL DC</p> <p>ALL EC</p>
8	<p>Network Rail and British Transport Police (BTP) update</p> <p>RP gave an update on incidents on railways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only 1 fatality in North Yorkshire over the past 12 months – Harrogate (apart from an accident on a level crossing). • There are no particular hotspots in North Yorkshire. • Incidents in Northallerton are reducing – although there was an incident North Northallerton which was probably an accident. • There was an incident recently between Northallerton and Thirsk. <p>RP informed the group that ‘repeat’ people are dealt with on a multi-agency basis through a mental health group and plan.</p> <p>GN requested updates on anything to do with rail. RP is the contact for British Transport Police.</p>	
9	<p>Yorkshire and the Humber Public Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Network Updates</p> <p>DL is a Mental Health Nurse. She briefly discussed various issues (such as guidance on hotspots and clusters, Rotherham report, South Yorkshire surveillance pilot) and will forward information to CR for onward circulation.</p> <p>Update: presentation slides now attached</p>  <p>Suicide Prevention final.pptx</p>	
10	<p>Any other Business</p> <p>VW discussed the mental health strategy green paper which went to Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) last week. The next step is to pull together a consultation process based on 10 core principles and 3</p>	



	<p>priorities (resilience, responsiveness and reaching out). There are still some issues to resolve (eg financial, how to measure). The final version will go to HWB in September with a view to launch on 10 October 2015 – World Mental Health Day.</p> <p>GN reported on a scheme involving replacing ramps with steps and lift at Northallerton station which may act as a better barrier to potential suicide attempts. Action: GN to keep the group updated.</p> <p>AC referred to letter on NYP website. Action: BS to send link to CR for circulation to the group</p>	<p>GN</p> <p>BS</p>
11	Date of next meeting	
	<p>Next meeting: meeting on 13 August to be postponed to early September. (AH will be unable to attend but will send updates.)</p> <p>Update: Meeting arranged for 10 September 2015 14:00 – 16:00 in the HAS Conference Room at County Hall (Rm 212)</p>	