

Suicide Prevention Task Group

Wednesday 14th May

14.00 – 16.00

Room B1, White Rose House, Northallerton

Present:

Lisa Brain – Partnership Intelligence Analyst, North Yorkshire Police (**LBr**)
John Clare – Partnership Commissioning Unit (**JC**)
Rachael Foxevans – Ryedale District Council (**RF**)
Haydn ReesJones – NYSCB Policy and Development Officer, NYCC (**HR**)
Victoria Marshall – Projects Assistant, NYCC (**VM**)
Shane Mullen – Public Health Intelligence Specialist, NYCC (**SM**)
Neil Murray – Service Development and Commissioning Officer, NYCC (**NM**)
Kevin Pratt – General Manager, Leeds and York Partnership NHS Trust (**KP**)
Claire Robinson – Health Improvement Manager, NYCC (**CR**)
Bill Scott – North Yorkshire Police (**BS**)
Stephen Smith – Track and Train Graduate, Network Rail (**SS**)

Apologies:

Louise Barker – Vale of York CCG (**LBa**)
Abigail Barron – Delivery and Implementation Manager, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby CCG (**AB**)
Denise Colmer – TEWV NHS Foundation Trust (**DC**)
Dallas Frank – Safeguarding Children Board Manager, NYCC (**DF**)
Susanne James – Coroner's Office, North Yorkshire Police (**SJ**)
Alan Jenks – Head of Housing, Harrogate Borough Council (**AJ**)
Harvey Morgan – TEWV Crisis Team (**HM**)
Heather Pearson – North Yorkshire Police (**HP**)

1. Welcome and introductions

Welcome and introductions were given around the room.

2. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

The group briefly discussed drugs-related deaths and the suicide audit in York. CR has contacted York re joint working and a standardised template.

It was agreed that the group is separate to the Adult Safeguarding Board. CR is to write a paper to update the Board on the group's progress.

A request from the House of Commons has been sent to Dr Lincoln Sargeant requesting information for about suicide prevention work and suicide audit in North Yorkshire.

SM attended a regional suicide meeting and fed back on other areas.

Action: CR to circulate future meeting/events details.

3. Baseline Audit

CR gave a brief background to the audit. It would cover all deaths over the last five years and identify any trends in suicides e.g. ages, gender, cause, demographics. Information would be taken from coroner's reports, and it would include children and young people. HR queried whether it would include near misses, as he found them to be recorded differently. Northern Ireland has identified a list of factors associated with near misses which could be used.

Action: SM/LBr to look into the recording of self-harm and near misses and include in the audit.

BS has been looking to hotspots across North Yorkshire but has found a lack of evidence.

Action: LBr to look into hotspots.

Action: SS to look into a map for incidents on train lines.

Action: NM to look into Supporting People providers info

Action: KP to send any available information on suicide audits

4. Information Sharing Protocol

A proposal has been put in for the protocol but a decision hasn't yet been reached. The group will be updated at the next meeting.

5. Training

The group agreed that ASIST training would be valuable for staff. CR has spoken to Nigel Ayre from York MIND who is currently reviewing their training package. The group agreed that training could be looked into without the audit in place.

Action: CR to look into ASIST training and 'train the trainer' model.

Action: CR to circulate information on ASIST.

Network Rail has a contract with the Samaritans for a day course.

Action: SS to send CR information on Samaritans course.

Action: Group to send any other information re training to CR.

6. Coordinator post

HP has submitted a proposal for funding to contribute towards the post and Public Health has agreed a contribution. JC is taking a proposal to the PCU Commissioning Board.

The group would want the coordinator to implement an early alert system across the county. The group discussed how the system would fit with the CYPS rapid response.

Action: HR to discuss rapid response/early alert system interface with DF

7. Draft Implementation Plan

The group went through the draft implementation plan. The group discussed frontline staff and identifying needs, reducing access to means, particularly measures put in place to reduce access to the railway.

Action: SS to send posters/leaflets to CR.

A Community Safety Officer visits schools though this is more related to trespassing on the railway.

Action: SS to send CR information on school visits.

A query was raised re working with pharmacists and risk of medication availability for suicides .

Action: CR to contact LPC.

Action: CR to contact the Samaritans.

Action: CR to amend implementation plan. Any additional comments to be sent to CR.

8. Next steps

The group agreed to meet on a monthly basis.

9. Next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 23rd June at 2pm in the HAS Conference room (room 212), Health and Adult Services, NYCC County Hall.