

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee
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Title:	Hampshire Suicide Prevention Strategy
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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present HASC members with the Hampshire Suicide Prevention Strategy. The Strategy was signed off by the Health and Wellbeing Board on 15 March 2018.

Recommendation

2. To review the Hampshire Suicide Prevention Strategy for Hampshire.

Executive Summary

3. Hampshire's rate of suicides is 8 per 100,000 which is comparable to the England rate of 8.4 per 100,000. The suicide audit for Hampshire highlights key issues for preventing suicide locally.

This suicide prevention plan outlines the key actions to reduce the risk on suicide in the residents of Hampshire. The report action plan covers the following areas:

- a. Reduce the risk of suicide in key high-risk groups
- b. Tailor approaches to improve mental health in specific groups
- c. Reduce access to the means of suicide
- d. Provide better information and support to those bereaved or affected by suicide
- e. Support the media in delivering sensitive approaches to suicide and suicidal behaviour
- f. Support research, data collection and monitoring.

The Centre for Public Scrutiny, Local Government Association and Association of Directors of Public Health in October 2018 published a document to aid Scrutiny Panels. *Providing a Lifeline - Effective scrutiny of local strategies to prevent or reduce suicide.*

This paper outlines the plan and illustrates the Hampshire County Council and partner response to suicide prevention inline with the have met the key lines of enquiry recommended for scrutiny.

Consultation and Equalities

4. We have consulted with partner agencies and people with lived experience through networks and meetings.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Strategic Plan but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
<u>Title</u> http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s13601/2018-03-15%20HWB%20Report%20Suicide%20Prevention%20plan.pdf	<u>Date</u> 15 March 2018
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

Not applicable.