

TITLE	Suicide Prevention Strategy
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Wokingham Borough Wellbeing Board on Thursday, 1 September 2022
WARD	None Specific;
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RECOMMENDATION

For the Health & Wellbeing Board to agree:

- to update the Suicide Prevention Strategy;
- for the Suicide Prevention Partnership to arrange a summit for the Autumn to launch a full consultation process into Suicide Prevention to further inform the Strategy refresh.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

- 1.1 In 2012 the government published Preventing Suicide in England: A Cross Government Outcomes Strategy to Save Lives. The strategy recommended that local authorities conduct a suicide audit, produce a suicide prevention action plan and set up a multiagency suicide prevention group.
- 1.2 A Suicide Prevention Strategy was written in October 2021 but had not been presented to the H&WB Board ahead of the review the DPH carried out in January 2022. Since the first write, new data profiles are available and there is a new policy landscape that has which led to the review of the local strategy. This is to consider a greater emphasis on patterns of risk and link to the focus on health inequalities and the Health & Care Act 2022.

Background

2.1 The current Suicide Prevention Strategy is to be updated in line with, the new policy position and greater access to real time surveillance data.

2.2 Options Proposed

- That a review of the existing strategy is undertaken
- The Suicide Prevention partnership is reformed and strengthened
- A Suicide Prevention Ten Point Plan is put in place to progress work against priorities whilst development of the strategy is underway,
 - Introduce suicide prevention across all policy
 - Improve methods to tackle root cause vulnerability
 - Establish a trauma informed approach
 - Assess and strengthen ways of tackling inequalities
 - Establish focus on debt and cost of living
 - Improve focus on children and young people
 - Establish means to address female suicide rates
 - Strengthen focus on links between mental health, self-harm and suicide
 - Continue to develop and establish support for people bereaved by suicide
 - Develop means for family support to ensure individual wellbeing
- to progress priorities so there is no delay in delivery whilst the strategy is developed
- A Suicide Prevention Summit is held in the late Autumn to state the ambition and gain wider partner engagement
- A draft document will be presented to health & Wellbeing board in Jan 2023
- Final Strategy and Impact Assessment to come to Health & Wellbeing board in March 2023 for agreement and endorsement

Analysis of Issues, including any financial implications

As stated above.

Partner Implications
Partners form the Suicide Prevention Partnership; this forum is set up to share information and real time case data to ensure the strategy is developed using clear risk assessment and harm reduction methodology.

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
None

List of Background Papers
None

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