

Committee report

Committee	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date	25 OCTOBER 2018
Title	ISLE OF WIGHT SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY 2018 -2021
Report of	CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this strategy and associated action plan is to prevent suicide and protect communities and individuals from harm caused by suicide and suicidal behaviour. Suicide is not inevitable, and preventing it is everyone's responsibility.
2. Members of the board are asked to agree the Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2021 and recommend to partner agencies that the policy is adopted.

BACKGROUND

3. The Mental Health Five Year Forward View (2016) has set the ambition to reduce the number of deaths from suicide by ten per cent between 2016 and 2021. This is in line with the Island Mental Health Blueprint
4. The strategy is based on current national guidance and best practice evidence and the information from the 2015 - 2017 Isle of Wight suicide audit. Two stakeholder suicide prevention workshops were held in July 2017 and May 2018 with the output informing the suicide prevention strategy and the implementation plan.

5. Four priority areas have been identified:

Priority 1 - Improve communication and raise awareness, knowledge and understanding of suicide prevention activities between organisations and the community.

Priority 2 - Deliver suicide alertness training to professionals and the community.

Priority 3 - Develop a post suicide intervention plan (postvention).

Priority 4 – improve knowledge/data at a local level (implement real time suspected suicide/suicide attempt surveillance).

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

6. The purpose of this strategy and associated action plan is to prevent suicide and protect communities and individuals from the harm caused by suicide and suicidal behaviour.
7. This Strategy and the actions identified within it will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of the local population and will contribute positively to the Isle of Wight Councils Corporate Plan 2017-20.

CONSULTATION

8. While the Director of Public Health is the lead on suicide prevention and responsible for local authority suicide prevention action plans, a local multi-agency Suicide Prevention Steering Group has been formed to consult with partner agencies and stakeholders to oversee the strategy and the implementing and monitoring of the suicide prevention action plan.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

9. There are no direct financial implications identified within this strategy.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10. While not technically a legal implication, the development of a local suicide action plan is recommended by government and supports the 2012 strategy Preventing suicide in England: A cross government outcomes strategy to save lives.
11. No legal implications have been identified within the review.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

12. The council as a public body is required to meet its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunities between people from different groups and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
13. This strategy is seen by the Suicide Prevention Steering Group as a refresh of the strategy that has been in place since 2010. Because of this it was not considered necessary to complete a new Equality Impact Assessment.

OPTIONS

14. **Option 1:** The board notes the Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2021 and recommends its consideration by partner agencies.
15. **Option 2:** The board considers the Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2021 and suggests amendments to the Suicide Prevention Steering Group for its consideration, before further review by the board and its partner agencies.

RISK MANAGEMENT

16. This strategy identifies high risk groups and identifies actions to be taken to mitigate these risks.
17. The multi-agency steering group has set up task and finish groups to implement these actions. Local indicators have also been identified that will be monitored.

RECOMMENDATION

18. Option 1 - The board notes the Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2021 and recommends its consideration by partner agencies.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

19. [Appendix 1: Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018 - 2021](#)

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