



PAPER B

Purpose: For Decision

Committee report

Committee	HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Date	25 APRIL 2019
Title	ISLE OF WIGHT SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY 2018 -2021 UPDATE
Report of	CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE, PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING NEEDS AND DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of the Isle of Wight (IOW) Suicide Prevention Strategy is to prevent suicide and protect communities and individuals from the impact of suicide.
2. Members of the board are asked to agree the Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2021 Update and adopt its implementation.

BACKGROUND

3. The National 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. Suicide can have a profound effect on family, friends and the local community.
5. The IOW Suicide Prevention Strategy is based on current national guidance, best practice evidence and information from the 2015 - 2017 Isle of Wight suicide audit.
6. Four themes have been identified:
 - Theme 1 – Improve knowledge and understanding of suicide risk
 - Theme 2 – Upskilling people to deal with suicide.
 - Theme 3 – Postvention (after suicide) and bereavement support.
 - Theme 4 - Improve knowledge/data at a local level
7. The strategy was developed by a multi-agency steering group which is the Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Board which will provide governance for the implementation plan.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

8. This Strategy and the actions identified within it will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of the local population and will therefore contribute positively to the Isle of Wight Council's Corporate Plan 2017-20; corporate priority of wellbeing.
9. This strategy also delivers on the 'Live well' focus of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Isle of Wight 2018-2021.

CONSULTATION

10. A local multi-agency Suicide Prevention Steering Group was formed to consult with partner agencies and stakeholders to oversee the strategy and development of the action plan.
11. Two stakeholder suicide prevention workshops were held with wider system stakeholders including service users. The output informed the development of the strategy and the implementation plan.
12. The draft IOW Suicide Prevention Strategy was circulated widely across health, social care, police and the voluntary sector for comment prior to finalising.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no direct financial implications.
14. Funding from Health Education England has been secured to deliver primary care awareness training.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

15. There are no legal implications of this strategy, although national guidance provides an expectation that local authorities will develop a suicide prevention plan.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

16. 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.
17. This strategy was seen by the Suicide Prevention Steering Group as a refresh of the previous suicide prevention strategy. The Steering Group reviewed the previous Equality Impact Assessment and did not note any further issues for consideration.

OPTIONS

18. **Option 1:** The board notes the Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2021 Update and accepts its adoption across the system.
19. **Option 2:** The board considers the Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2021 Update and suggests amendments.

RISK MANAGEMENT

20. This strategy identifies high risk groups and identifies actions to be taken to mitigate these risks.
21. The formation of a governance structure will support scrutiny of the implementation plan, addressing risks, issues and tackling barriers.
22. Failure to adopt option 1 or 2 could lead to reputational damage to the Isle of Wight Council and partners as there may be criticism that statutory authorities do not have a coherent up to date plan to prevent suicide in the local community.

EVALUATION

23. Options 1 is being recommended as it supports the adoption and robust implementation of a strategy which is aimed at supporting vulnerable groups and positively impacting on wellbeing on the Isle of Wight.

RECOMMENDATION

24. **Option 1:** The board notes the Isle of Wight Suicide Prevention Strategy 2018-2021 Update and accepts its adoption across the system.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

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

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