

Health and Wellbeing Board



Date of meeting:	07 March 2024
Title of Report:	Suicide Prevention in Plymouth
Lead Member:	Councillor Mrs Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
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Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

Purpose of Report

The report provides the Health and Wellbeing Board with an update on:

- The Suicide Prevention Strategy for England 2023 to 2028
- Plymouth suicide audit summary 2020-2022
- The Plymouth suicide prevention system
- The Plymouth Suicide Prevention Strategic Action Plan

Please be aware that this report and associated papers discuss suicide including methods of suicide, which can be an extremely emotional topic. Please look after yourself and seek support if you need: [Mental health support | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/mental-health-support)

Local leadership for suicide prevention is the responsibility of the local authority and is provided by the Office of the Director of Public Health and through a local strategic partnership group. The Health and Wellbeing Board receive reports on local suicide prevention activity and on the audit of deaths by suicide undertaken by the Office of the Director of Public Health.

Recommendations and Reasons

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to:

1. Note and accept the latest suicide audit report.
2. Review, feedback and comment on the Plymouth Suicide Prevention Strategic Action plan for 2024-25.
The reason for this recommendation is to ensure that the Health and Wellbeing Board is engaged in the development of the strategic action plan for Plymouth.
3. Delegate authority for sign-off of the 2024-25 Suicide Prevention Strategic Action Plan to the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board following its updates after this meeting.
4. Agree for this item on suicide prevention to be a standing Health and Wellbeing Board agenda item so that the suicide audit summary report and suicide prevention strategic action plan can be reviewed and agreed annually.

Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Contributes to overall mission of the Corporate Plan as well as the following priorities:

- Working with the NHS to provide better access to health, care and dentistry
- Keeping children, adults and communities safe

Contribute to policies in the Plymouth Plan:

- HEA1: Addressing health inequalities, improving health literacy
- HEA2: Developing the best outcomes for children, young people and families
- HEA3: Supporting adults with health and social care needs
- HEA5: Delivering strong and safe communities and good quality neighbourhoods
- HEA9: Delivering accessible health services and clinical excellence

Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

N/A

Financial Risks

N/A

Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

N/A

Other Implications: e.g. Health and Safety, Risk Management, Child Poverty:

* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.

N/A

Appendices

Ref.	Title of Appendix	Exemption Paragraph Number (if applicable)						
		If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.						
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A	Briefing report – Suicide Prevention							
B	Plymouth Suicide Prevention Strategic Action Plan 2024-25							
C	Plymouth Suicide Audit Summary 2020-2022							
D	Suicide Prevention in Plymouth (presentation)							

Background papers:

Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Sign off:

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Ruth Harrell (Director of Public Health)											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes Date agreed: 23/02/2024											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health & adult Social Care) Approved verbally Date approved: 26/02/2025											