

Consultation on the Draft Somerset Suicide Prevention Strategy 2024 - 2029

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Background and Aims

- Suicide prevention in England: 5-year cross-sector strategy, published September 2023
- Public Health has led the co-production of new local Suicide Prevention Strategy
- Based around the 8 strategic priorities defined within national strategy
- Annual action plans to support delivery of the strategy and annual report on progress

Reduce the number of lives lost to suicide in Somerset

Use local data/information, listen to those personally affected and review national/international evidence to inform interventions.

Encourage members of the public to complete suicide prevention training and sign up to the Orange Button Scheme.

Evaluate whether crisis and suicide bereavement services are impactful and sustainable.

Strategic Priorities and Objectives

Improving data and evidence

Tailored, targeted support to priority groups

Addressing common risk factors at a population level

Promoting online safety and responsible media content to reduce harms

Providing effective crisis support across sectors

Reducing access to means and methods of suicide

Providing effective bereavement support to those affected by suicide

Making suicide everybody's business

Suggested priority areas for action 24 – 25

Data and Evidence

- Improve data sharing between sectors via Information Sharing Agreement.
- Establish process for learning from suicides and suicide attempts to be shared with key partners.

Engagement

- Develop Suicide Prevention Pledge as a vehicle to engage with wider population around training and Orange Button Scheme
- Publicise the pledge.

Evaluation

- Establish method for crisis and suicide bereavement services to share evaluation information with the Suicide Prevention Partnership

Time for Questions



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