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Request:

1a. Does your council have a multi-agency suicide prevention partnership in place?
Please answer either Yes or No.

Yes

1b. Please give details as to the partnership(s) in place?

North Tyneside Suicide Prevention Task Group Under the leadership of the Director of Public Health was established in 2014 with representation from North Tyneside CCG, Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust (Psychiatry of Old Age service, A&E and CAMHs), Northumberland Tyne and Wear Mental Health trust, Northumbria Police, H.M. Coroner, Samaritans, MIND and DWP.

The group oversees an annual multi-agency action plan and meets once a year (or more frequently if required)

2a. Who has the council identified as being at-risk of suicide in your area? Please be specific in your answer by providing details such as gender, age, ethnicity and socio-economic status etc.

Our local suicide audit identified males aged between 41-50 years as the main group to target for suicide prevention activity. However, we take a whole population approach in our action plan.

2b. How does your Suicide Prevention Plan target the above group(s)?

Local suicide prevention training includes the findings of our suicide audit and national indicators for North Tyneside, so that participants are aware of our at risk groups. Active North Tyneside has trained a number of coaches to be Mental Health First Aiders and they reach this age group as well as younger and older men. Our local Pubwatch scheme has carried out awareness raising across pubs / displayed Samaritan posters in male toilets and within pubs.

3a. What data do you collect on attempted suicides in your area?

N/A

3b. Is this data shared? Please answer either Yes or No.

No

3c. Which organisations is this data shared with? Please list them.

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N/A

4a. How is the council supporting those people bereaved, or affected by, a suspected suicide?

North Tyneside refers any people bereaved by suicide to our local voluntary sector organisation "If U Care Share" which is commissioned regionally and offer comprehensive postvention services.

4b. How is the council supporting women, aged 10 and above?

See answer for 4.a

5a. Has the council identified high-frequency suicide locations? Please answer either Yes or No.

No

5b. What steps have been considered or taken to reduce the risk of suicide at such locations?

We carry out comprehensive suicide audits with our local coroner and although North Tyneside does not have high-frequency suicide locations, we have recently met with Police and Samaritans and will be displaying Samaritan signs at some locations in the Borough to remind vulnerable people that emotional support is available.

6a. How much money has been allocated to suicide prevention each financial year, since the launch of your Suicide Prevention Plan, until 2018/19?

It is not possible to disaggregate budgets for suicide prevention as there are many programmes across the Local Authority that contribute to our suicide prevention approach from improving Children and Young People's Mental Health and Wellbeing and building resilience, Health Visitor Peri-natal mental health training, Welfare Rights and Debt advice, Employment Support, Domestic Abuse support services, Sports and Leisure activities etc.

6b. How much money of said budget has been spent and unspent in each financial year?

N/A

6c. How much money of said budget has been spent and unspent in each financial year to support the at-risk group(s) identified in Q2a?

N/A



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6d. Please can you provide a full breakdown of how you spent suicide prevention funds in each financial year?

N/A

7a. How much money has your council allocated to mental health generally in each financial year, since the launch of your Suicide Prevention Plan, until 2018/19?

See 6.a

7b. How much money of said budget has been spent and unspent in each financial year?

N/A

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