

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council. I have the following information.

1a. Does your council have a multi-agency suicide prevention partnership in place?

Yes.

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

Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire Suicide Prevention Steering Group.

2a. Who has the council identified as being at-risk of suicide in your area?

The Nottinghamshire Suicide Prevention Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

<https://nottinghamshireinsight.org.uk/research-areas/jsna/cross-cutting-themes/suicide-prevention-2016/>

and the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Suicide Prevention Strategy (2019-2023) sets out those groups who are at greater risk of suicide including:

Men aged 35-64;

People in mental health services;

People with a history of self-harm, depression, and alcohol misuse;

People experiencing certain life events such as financial difficulties, divorce or separation, people with long term conditions;

Drug misusers;

People in contact with the criminal justice system;

People in specific occupations including doctors, nurses, vets, farmers and agricultural workers;

Young women of South Asian, Caribbean, and African origin and older South Asian women;

Children and young people who have experienced abuse and neglect;

Lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender people;

Older people aged 65+ experiencing loneliness and social isolation;

People in lower socio-economic groups;

People who have left the armed forces.

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

The first priority within the Suicide Prevention Strategy is to identify early the groups at risk of suicide and ensuring access to evidence-based interventions, with a particular focus on men including men in contact with the criminal justice system, children and young people including university students, and self-harm as a risk factor.

Actions within the action plan include:

Promotion of safe to talk about suicide leaflet among key risk groups including availability at high male population locations, Nottinghamshire police and victims of sexual abuse;

Safe to talk about self-harm leaflet completed and published widely;

Work within Nottinghamshire Healthcare Foundation Trust including 'stay alive' mobile phone app reviewed for use on mental health wards and inpatient safety plans, Towards Zero Suicide Strategy to be launched, access to inpatient suicide prevention training to be improved;

Joint approach to communication campaigns around World Suicide Prevention Day including to promote support to people with self-harm behaviours and men with suicidal thoughts;

Offender health suicide prevention pilot project to be developed and implemented;

Universities implement 'Safe Suicide Response';

Consider how serious near misses can be identified and reported into the Real Time Surveillance System;

Increase in the number of teachers who have undertaken self-harm, suicide prevention and bereavement training.

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

Data on attempted suicides is not currently collected.

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

N/A

3c. Which organisations is this data shared with?

N/A

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

Those bereaved or affected by a suspected suicide are referred to postvention bereavement service for support by the Police. People can also self-refer or be referred by other professionals.

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

The postvention bereavement support service is an all age service and children and young people are accessing the service for support.

5a. Has the council identified high-frequency suicide locations?

High-frequency locations would be identified through Real Time Surveillance data reporting.

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

No high-frequency locations have been identified through Real Time Surveillance at the current time.

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

16/17: nil

17/18: nil

18/19: nil

19/20 anticipated: £73,780

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

16/17: N/A

17/18: N/A

18/19: N/A

19/20: it is anticipated all will be spent.

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?

Funding is allocated for universal support.

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

16/17: N/A

17/18: N/A

18/19: N/A

19/20 anticipated: £10,780 suicide awareness training for the community and voluntary sector and £63,000 for postvention bereavement support.

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?

16/17: £89,250

17/18: nil

18/19: nil

19/20: anticipated: £32,340

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

We do not hold any information to this for 16/17.

For 19/20 it is anticipated the full budget will be spent.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk.

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