

## LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Derek Ward, Director of Public Health

Report to	<b>Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board</b>
Date:	<b>24 March 2020</b>
Subject:	<b>Suicide Prevention Strategy</b>

### Summary:

The purpose of this report is to inform the Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board (LHWB) of the draft Suicide Prevention Strategy. This has been co-produced with partners across the system through the Suicide Prevention Steering Group (SPSG) and recommendations have been made for Lincolnshire's approach to suicide prevention. The draft Suicide Prevention Strategy and the SPSG membership list are attached as Appendices A and B respectively.

### Actions Required:

The Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to consider:

- Approving the draft Suicide Prevention Strategy to progress for further discussions, before signing off the final strategy in April;
- Agreeing for the SPSG to continue developing the Suicide Prevention Action Plan.

### 1. Background

HM Government's '[Preventing Suicide in England Strategy 2012](#)' cites that '*much of the planning and work to prevent suicides will be carried out locally*' and from April 2013, local responsibility for coordinating and implementing a local suicide prevention action plan became an integral part of Public Health's responsibility within Local Authorities. A local action plan for Lincolnshire was developed in 2016, however this has become outdated and a refresh is required.

### 2. Conclusion

The LHWB are asked to consider the recommendations set out above. Public Health colleagues will then attend the Lincolnshire County Council Corporate Leadership Team on Wednesday 1 April for final sign off of the strategy. It should be noted that Public Health colleagues have already attended the following meetings to gage comments and sign off from partners:

- Tuesday 25 February 2020 – Mental Health, Learning Disabilities and Autism Board
- Monday 9 March 2020 – Lincolnshire Safeguarding Adults Board
- Thursday 12 March 2020 – Lincolnshire Safeguarding Children Partnership

Public Health colleagues have worked with the Communications Lead for Adult Care and Community Wellbeing and the design and print of the Strategy has been scheduled for April 2020.

The Strategy is planned to be launched during Mental Health Awareness Week 16–20 May 2020 using a soft launch approach. Electronic versions of the Strategy will be shared through partners.

Further publicity will take place on 10 September 2020 for World Suicide Prevention Day and 10 October 2020 for World Mental Health Day around the Strategy and the Action Plan.

### **3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy**

The Council and Clinical Commissioning Groups must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. The Suicide Prevention work sits under the Mental Health (Adults) priority area of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Within the action plan for the Mental Health (Adults), one of the key deliverable is to "Implement a Suicide Prevention Programme," this strategy sets out the programme of work around Suicide Prevention. There is also a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment for Suicide, which is due to be updated in May/June 2020 and the new Strategy and Action Plan will be featured within the update.

### **4. Consultation**

The draft Suicide Prevention Strategy has not undergone formal consultation; however it has been co-produced with partners across the system through the Suicide Prevention Steering Group (SPSG) and the list of the SPSG membership can be found within Appendix B.

### **5. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Draft Suicide Prevention Strategy
Appendix B	SPSG membership list

### **6. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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