

Tower Hamlets Multi-Agency Suicide Prevention Strategy: Action Plan

Duration	2017-2018
Related strategies/action plans	Tower Hamlets Mental Health Strategy 2014-2019 Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020 Drug-Related Death Plan 2017-2018 Child Death Overview Panel
Responsibility for governance	Health and Wellbeing Board
Ownership	LBTH Public Health
Implementation date	September 2017
Review date	March 2018

PRIORITY 1: Prevention and Early Intervention					
No.	Actions	Lead(s)	Timeframe	Progress review/RAG status	Completed?
Work to improve specialist mental health services for specific groups in line with the Five Year Forward View for Mental Health					
1.1	Increase the percentage of children and young people with a diagnosable mental health condition who are diagnosed and treated from 25% to 35%	CCG – Martin Bould	2021		
1.2	Improve the perinatal mental health pathway and specialist perinatal mental health services	CCG	2021		
1.3	Engage with educational psychologists to improve support for children and young people	Educational Psychology			
Better signpost our existing preventative services					
1.4	Incorporate signposting of local services into ASIST suicide prevention training sessions	LBTH PH			

PRIORITY 2: Improving help for those in crisis					
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Scope and address the specific needs of people attending A&E who have attempted suicide, self-harmed, or who are in mental health crisis					
2.1	Development of the 'Hope Wall' at Royal London Hospital's A&E department to provide a more suitable space for those in mental health crisis.	Melanie King – ELFT RAID		April 2017 Funding secured	
2.2	Conduct an audit of patients presenting with self-harm in A&E	LBTH PH Melanie King – ELFT RAID	March 2018		
2.3	CAMHS crisis transformation project: review of service provision for CYP under CAMHS, RAID and Royal London Hospital	Martin Bould – CCG	May 2017 – January 2018		
Map the current crisis referral pathway and address gaps in service provision					
2.4	Mapping exercise of the current crisis referral pathway for statutory services.	Carrie Kilpatrick - CCG			
2.5	Mapping exercise of third sector services.				

PRIORITY 3: Identifying the needs of vulnerable people					
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Lessons learnt from safeguarding reviews will be collated and shared amongst service providers					
3.1	Conduct safeguarding reviews and collate lessons learnt for wider sharing	Lisa Mathews			
3.2	Respond to reports and recommendations from the Child Death Overview Panel	LBTH PH – Associate Director/ CDOP Chair	As per recommendation		
Improve practice in non-clinical statutory services and provide increased support for frontline staff					
3.3	Review discharge planning and continuity of care for homeless and temporarily housed people with a view to forming partnership working between HOST and ELFT.	HOST ELFT (MEH)			
3.4	HOST and Inspire Consortium to work in partnership to provide support to people in temporary housing at risk of suicide or deterioration in mental health.	HOST Inspire			
3.5	Create a guide advising frontline staff on best options for signposting or crisis intervention, for staff in housing, DWP, and probation offices.	LBTH PH - Hannah Emmett DWP – Stephen Hanshaw			
3.6	Review mechanisms for identifying service users at risk of suicide	DWP – Stephen Hanshaw			
3.7	Review of Pathway service for homeless inpatients in the Royal London Hospital to link substance misuse and trauma related needs to self-harm and suicide.	Hannah Emmett – LBTH PH	Aug 2017		
Improve support for specific vulnerable groups					
3.8	Develop broader range of prevention strategies acting at different levels within the school context	School Health Service CAMHS			

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3.9	Apply for funding to implement a culturally responsive preventative programme for recent migrants and asylum seekers	Erminia Colucci - QMUL			
3.10	Improve postvention work including counselling in schools	School Health Service			
3.11	Respond to local and national intelligence on online content promoting self-harm and suicide	On case by case basis	Ad hoc		

PRIORITY 4: Addressing training needs					
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Provide the first phase of suicide prevention training to frontline staff					
4.1	Provision of evidence-based ASIST suicide prevention training to frontline staff in statutory services using CEPN funding	CEPN LBTH PH – Nicola Donnelly			
4.2	Provision of a half day workshop on suicide prevention based on the ASIST course for frontline staff using CEPN funding	CEPN LBTH PH – Nicola Donnelly			
Address general mental health training provision in order to ensure inclusion of suicide prevention					
4.3	Review mental health training provision in schools	LBTH PH			
4.4	Reformulation of staff training programme at Queen Mary University of London for staff on recognising and assisting students displaying symptoms of mental illness, distress, or suicidal ideation.	QMUL – Niall Morrissey			

PRIORITY 5: Communications and Awareness					
No.	Actions	Lead(s)	Timeframe	Progress review/RAG status	Completed?
Work to install signage at at-risk sites					
5.1	Collaborative work with City of London and Samaritans to place signs with contact details for Samaritans on high-risk sites	LBTH PH – Chris Lovitt			
5.2	Compile list of high-risk sites in the borough	LBTH Place DMT			
Use social media to foster publicly visible links between statutory and third sector services					
5.2	To use social media to maintain links between the council and third sector organisations	LBTH Communications – Anna Wilson			
Support national and regional suicide prevention campaigns					
5.3	Commitment to local support of Samaritans guidelines for responsible reporting of suicide	LBTH Communications			