

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group	
Held on	27th October 2021	
Agenda Item:	5	
Title:	Suicide Prevention	
<p>Summary: The purpose of this report is to update SPAG members on work across South Ayrshire to prevent suicide and to take further steer from the group on the HSCP's contribution to this work.</p>		
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<p>Recommendations:</p> <p>SPAG members are invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. note the progress made to date; and ii. agree to support this work and provide comment on the direction of travel. 		
<p>Route to meeting:</p> <p>Work taken through South Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire CPP governance.</p>		
<p>Directions:</p> <p>1. No Directions Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. Directions to NHS Ayrshire & Arran <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3. Directions to South Ayrshire Council <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>4. Directions to both SAC & NHS <input type="checkbox"/></p>		<p>Implications:</p> <p>Financial <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>HR <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Legal <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Equalities <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>ICT <input type="checkbox"/></p>

SUICIDE PREVENTION

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform the SPAG of the proposal to establish a South Ayrshire Suicide Prevention Oversight Group and seek views on the Terms of Reference and governance arrangements

2. RECOMMENDATION

SPAG members are invited to:

- i. **note the progress made to date; and**
- ii. **agree to support this work and comment on the direction of travel.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Locally within Ayrshire and Arran there has been significant work undertaken in this area in terms of developing potential responses to key parts of Every Life Matters strategy and from the National Suicide Prevention Leadership Group's (NSPLG) 2019 report.

Pan Ayrshire Choose life Suicide Prevention group, has recently been re-launched and will be chaired by Lynne McNiven, Director of Public Health. This group has developed a programme of work has been reviewed with key links reinforced to the National Suicide prevention leadership group.

- 3.2 Suicide prevention remains a primary area of activity and concern in South Ayrshire and continues with the new United to Prevent Suicide campaign launched on 10th September 2020.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 Recent Information shows that nationally suicides are rising, after a long period of downward trends. There is now a need for a coordinated South Ayrshire response to Suicide prevention locally, working along with the Pan Ayrshire Suicide Strategic Group, and within the national suicide framework.

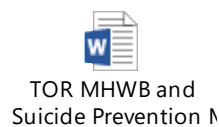
- 4.2.1 It is apparent that there is a significant amount of energy and work in Ayrshire and Arran as well South Ayrshire in particular, around the Suicide Prevention agenda.

- 4.2.2 It is proposed that there will be the creation of the Suicide Prevention Oversight Group in South Ayrshire (SA-SPOG). The purpose of the group would be to coordinate South Ayrshire's collaborative response to Suicide prevention through training, the use of data, through media and communication and through response to local and national research and campaigns.

- 4.2.3 It is proposed that this group meets Quarterly, is chaired by the Head of Service for Children's Health Care and Justice and reports into the South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership. The group will be made up of a range of partners who will contribute to the strategic direction of suicide prevention, it is likely that there will also be the need for the creation of an Operational Group.
- 4.2.4 The SA-SPOG will report into the Community Planning Partnership on an annual basis.

Background Papers:

South Ayrshire
Suicide Prevention
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