

Technical Appendix

This technical appendix accompanies the research report, *Local Suicide Prevention Planning in England*, produced by Samaritans and University of Exeter in May 2019. The following tables present data for all questions featured in the self-assessment survey of local authority staff responsible for suicide prevention.

Interpreting the survey data:

National tables

Some tables include 'system missing' data – this represents those who skipped the question or those for whom the question did not apply.

Regional tables

In the regional tables for questions asked of all respondents there is a row called 'No regional data'. This row contains nine cases:

- seven respondents who completed the survey but withheld information about their LA name or region
- two local areas (152 – 150 = 2) that did not respond to the survey

By a process of elimination, it was possible to identify these nine local authorities and the geographical regions they are in, but it was not possible to identify specifically which line of data relates to each local authority. For this reason, we have created the 'No regional data' row. Including this row means that even though a 100% response rate was not achieved, the percentages in the rows for the answers given can still be calculated out of the total number of local authorities in each region, thereby giving a more accurate view of local level suicide prevention in each region.

For regions such as East Midlands where 100% of local areas responded to the survey in full, specific percentages are reported (i.e. 100% of local areas in East Midlands have a multi-agency group). However, for regions such as North West in which there is some missing data, a percentage range is provided instead. For example, the data identify that 91% of local areas in this region have a multi-agency group, no data is available for 4% (1 LA) of this region. In this instance data are reported as follows: between 91% (21) and 95% (22) of local areas have a multi-agency group.

All survey data at national and regional level

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When was the multi-agency group established? (Year)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	1998	1	.7	.7	.7
	2000	2	1.3	1.5	2.2
	2006	1	.7	.7	3.0
	2007	1	.7	.7	3.7
	2008	8	5.3	5.9	9.6
	2009	6	4.0	4.4	14.1
	2010	7	4.7	5.2	19.3
	2011	2	1.3	1.5	20.7
	2012	1	.7	.7	21.5
	2013	13	8.7	9.6	31.1
	2014	7	4.7	5.2	36.3
	2015	17	11.3	12.6	48.9
	2016	27	18.0	20.0	68.9
	2017	28	18.7	20.7	89.6
	2018	14	9.3	10.4	100.0
		Total	135	90.0	100.0
Missing	System	15	10.0		
Total		150	100.0		

How often does your multi-agency group meet?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Monthly	2	1.3	1.5	1.5
	Every 2 months	18	12.0	13.5	15.0
	Every 3 months (quarterly)	105	70.0	78.9	94.0
	Every 6 months	6	4.0	4.5	98.5
	Every 12 months	2	1.3	1.5	100.0
	Total	133	88.7	100.0	
Missing	System	17	11.3		
Total		150	100.0		

Which of the following are part of your multi-agency group? (ASK ALL)

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Public health	137	91.3%	150	100.0%
Clinical commissioning groups	134	89.3%	150	100.0%
Elected members	37	24.7%	150	100.0%
Health and wellbeing board	50	33.3%	150	100.0%
Primary care providers	82	54.7%	150	100.0%
Secondary mental health care providers	128	85.3%	150	100.0%
Voluntary sector organisations	130	86.7%	150	100.0%
Suicide attempt survivors and/or people bereaved by suicide	72	48.0%	150	100.0%
Other experts by experience	60	40.0%	150	100.0%
Criminal justice services (including probation, courts and prisons)	73	48.7%	150	100.0%
Police	126	84.0%	150	100.0%
Other emergency services	72	48.0%	150	100.0%
Coroner's office	71	47.3%	150	100.0%
Drug and alcohol services	103	68.7%	150	100.0%
Social services	69	46.0%	150	100.0%
Housing association	36	24.0%	150	100.0%
Children's Services	88	58.7%	150	100.0%
Educational institutions	60	40.0%	150	100.0%
Transport sector	56	37.3%	150	100.0%
Environment Department	15	10.0%	150	100.0%
District Councils	27	18.0%	150	100.0%
Other LA Departments	72	48.0%	150	100.0%
Safeguarding board(s)	5	3.3%	150	100.0%
Department of Work and Pensions	5	3.3%	150	100.0%
Other	11	7.3%	150	100.0%

What other arrangements are you using to co-ordinate your suicide prevention activity? (ask: those with multi-agency group)

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Health and wellbeing board	100	66.7%	150	100.0%
Public health board or committee	42	28.0%	150	100.0%
Mental health commissioning board or similar	88	58.7%	150	100.0%
Missing Person's Policy/Group	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Joint commissioning board	24	16.0%	150	100.0%
Crisis care concordat	77	51.3%	150	100.0%
We have no arrangements in place	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Sustainability and transformation partnership	11	7.3%	150	100.0%
Safeguarding board(s)	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Other	14	9.3%	150	100.0%

What other arrangements are you using to co-ordinate your suicide prevention activity? (those without a multi-agency group)

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Health and wellbeing board	8	5.3%	150	100.0%
Public health board or committee	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Mental health commissioning board or similar	5	3.3%	150	100.0%
Missing Persons Policy/Group	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Joint commissioning board	0	.0%	150	100.0%
Crisis care concordat	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
We have no arrangements in place	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Sustainability and transformation partnership	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Safeguarding board(s)	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Other	0	.0%	150	100.0%

Please specify which board(s) have reviewed your plan (those who do not plan to submit plan to overview and scrutiny/health scrutiny)

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
CCG	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Health and Wellbeing Board	34	22.7%	150	100.0%
Mental health commissioning board	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Other board/group/committee	16	10.7%	150	100.0%
Sustainability and Transformation Partnership	4	2.7%	150	100.0%

Please state how regularly you review your strategy / action plan

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	3 monthly	33	22.0	25.4	25.4
	6 monthly	20	13.3	15.4	40.8
	Every year	55	36.7	42.3	83.1
	Every 2 years	15	10.0	11.5	94.6
	Every 3 years	3	2.0	2.3	96.9
	Every 5 years	2	1.3	1.5	98.5
	Not yet reviewed	2	1.3	1.5	100.0
	Total	130	86.7	100.0	
Missing	System	20	13.3		
Total		150	100.0		

Do you intend to establish a local suicide prevention strategy/action plan?

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	Yes	1	.7	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	149	99.3		
Total		150	100.0		

Do you intend to establish a local suicide prevention strategy/action plan? * Region Crosstabulation

			Region	
			West Midlands	Total
Do you intend to establish a local suicide prevention strategy/action plan?	Yes	Count	1	1
		% within Region	100.0%	100.0%
Total		Count	1	1
		% within Region	100.0%	100.0%

When do you intend to establish your strategy/action plan? (Year)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2019	1	.7	100.0	100.0
Missing	System	149	99.3		
Total		150	100.0		

When do you intend to establish your strategy/action plan? (Year) * Region Crosstabulation

			Region	
			West Midlands	Total
When do you intend to establish your strategy/action plan? (Year)	2019	Count	1	1
		% within Region	100.0%	100.0%
Total		Count	1	1
		% within Region	100.0%	100.0%

When did you complete the most recent suicide audit? (Year)

		Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	2005	2	1.3	1.7	1.7
	2012	1	.7	.8	2.5
	2013	2	1.3	1.7	4.1
	2014	3	2.0	2.5	6.6
	2015	7	4.7	5.8	12.4
	2016	18	12.0	14.9	27.3
	2017	33	22.0	27.3	54.5
	2018	55	36.7	45.5	100.0
	Total	121	80.7	100.0	
Missing	System	29	19.3		
Total		150	100.0		

Please provide an example of a priority informed by your audit (those who undertook a suicide audit)

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Children and young people	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Research & data	8	5.3%	150	100.0%
Mental health services	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Men	45	30.0%	150	100.0%
Unclear	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Migrants	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Self-harm	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
Housing	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
High-frequency locations	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Primary care	12	8.0%	150	100.0%
Substance abuse	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Community engagement	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Collaboration	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Age	16	10.7%	150	100.0%
Relationship status	4	2.7%	150	100.0%
Occupation	7	4.7%	150	100.0%
Bereavement support	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Geography	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
High risk groups (general)	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
Method	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Unemployment	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Social isolation	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Economic hardship	2	1.3%	150	100.0%

Please describe up to three of the most important outcomes that your suicide prevention strategy/action plan is designed to achieve (those with a strategy/action plan).

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Reducing suicide rate	78	52.0%	150	100.0%
Access to services	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Bereavement support	60	40.0%	150	100.0%
Care pathways	12	8.0%	150	100.0%
Children & young people	13	8.7%	150	100.0%
Collaboration	17	11.3%	150	100.0%
Early intervention	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
High risk groups	40	26.7%	150	100.0%
LGBT	1	.7%	150	100.0%
High frequency locations	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Men	16	10.7%	150	100.0%
Mental health	27	18.0%	150	100.0%
Occupational groups	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
People in criminal justice system	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
Campaigns & awareness raising	48	32.0%	150	100.0%
Access to means	13	8.7%	150	100.0%
Research & data	36	24.0%	150	100.0%
Responsible media	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Self-harm reduction	21	14.0%	150	100.0%
Social isolation	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
Stigma	13	8.7%	150	100.0%
Substance misuse	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
Suicide-Safer Community	5	3.3%	150	100.0%
Training	24	16.0%	150	100.0%
Unclear	17	11.3%	150	100.0%

How are people made aware of bereavement support services? (those with bereavement support services)

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Signposting by emergency services/coroner	97	64.7%	150	100.0%
Formal referrals by emergency services/coroner	50	33.3%	150	100.0%
Publicity materials in relevant locations/online	94	62.7%	150	100.0%
Don't know	19	12.7%	150	100.0%
Referrals/signposting by primary care & other healthcare professionals	10	6.7%	150	100.0%
Other	2	1.3%	150	100.0%

Section 5: Good practice and challenges

Which of the following have helped you to develop and deliver your suicide prevention strategy/action plan?

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Multi-agency approach	143	95.3%	150	100.0%
Local champion	62	41.3%	150	100.0%
Local suicide audit	122	81.3%	150	100.0%
Real-time suicide surveillance	55	36.7%	150	100.0%
Local-level data provided on PHE fingertips online tool	112	74.7%	150	100.0%
Strategic input from local experts and organisations	125	83.3%	150	100.0%
Guidance and resources provided nationally (e.g. from PHE, LGA, NSPA)	139	92.7%	150	100.0%
Other	17	11.3%	150	100.0%

Please briefly outline anything that you are finding particularly challenging in your planning and delivery of suicide prevention?

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Administration	12	8.0%	150	100.0%
Community engagement	4	2.7%	150	100.0%
Competing priorities	5	3.3%	150	100.0%
Coroner cooperation	8	5.3%	150	100.0%
Data sharing	19	12.7%	150	100.0%
Evaluation	5	3.3%	150	100.0%
Government policies	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
Insufficient data	5	3.3%	150	100.0%
Lack of national frameworks	4	2.7%	150	100.0%
Limited resources/funds	64	42.7%	150	100.0%
Media reporting	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
No plan yet	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Partner engagement	32	21.3%	150	100.0%
Real-time surveillance	10	6.7%	150	100.0%
Scope too broad	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Stakeholder engagement	7	4.7%	150	100.0%
Stigma	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Training	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Other	3	2.0%	150	100.0%

What makes you feel that your work represents good practice?

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Responds to specific local need	92	61.3%	150	100.0%
Has delivered positive results locally	72	48.0%	150	100.0%
Aligns with national strategy	75	50.0%	150	100.0%
Aligns with PHE guidance	67	44.7%	150	100.0%
Aligns with NICE guidelines	47	31.3%	150	100.0%

At what level has your sector led improvement work on suicide prevention taken place?

	Cases					
	Included		Excluded		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent
Local	30	20.0%	120	80.0%	150	100.0%
Regional	31	20.7%	119	79.3%	150	100.0%
National	5	3.3%	145	96.7%	150	100.0%
Sub-regional	3	2.0%	147	98.0%	150	100.0%

Please tell us up to three topics or issues on which you would benefit from additional support or guidance.

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
Groups: BAME	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
Bereavement support	11	7.3%	150	100.0%
Collaboration	12	8.0%	150	100.0%
Media & communications	10	6.7%	150	100.0%
Community engagement	8	5.3%	150	100.0%
Coroner cooperation	14	9.3%	150	100.0%
Groups: Children and young people	16	10.7%	150	100.0%
Data collection	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Data sharing	13	8.7%	150	100.0%
Debt	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Disabilities	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Domestic violence & abuse	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Evidence-based practice	8	5.3%	150	100.0%
Good practice sharing	12	8.0%	150	100.0%
High-risk groups	5	3.3%	150	100.0%
Leadership	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Learning network	4	2.7%	150	100.0%
Groups: LGBTQ+	4	2.7%	150	100.0%
Lived experience	8	5.3%	150	100.0%
High-frequency public locations	9	6.0%	150	100.0%
Groups: Men	14	9.3%	150	100.0%
Mental health services	19	12.7%	150	100.0%
Monitoring & evaluation	8	5.3%	150	100.0%
National guidelines	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Occupational groups	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Online safety	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Prioritising actions	6	4.0%	150	100.0%
Public health research	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
Real-time data	24	16.0%	150	100.0%
Reducing access to means	8	5.3%	150	100.0%
Resources/funding	16	10.7%	150	100.0%
Self-harm	16	10.7%	150	100.0%
Social isolation	3	2.0%	150	100.0%
Socio-economic issues	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Substance abuse	2	1.3%	150	100.0%
Suicide audit	5	3.3%	150	100.0%
Suicide-safer communities	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Training	17	11.3%	150	100.0%
Unclear	13	8.7%	150	100.0%
Groups: Women	1	.7%	150	100.0%
Working with primary care	14	9.3%	150	100.0%

What type of support from national partners such as LGA and ADPH would be helpful? (those who would like support)

	Cases			
	Included		Total	
	N	Percent	N	Percent
National masterclasses	51	34.0%	150	100.0%
Advice and technical advice from experts	82	54.7%	150	100.0%
Case studies of good practice	95	63.3%	150	100.0%
Benchmarking	49	32.7%	150	100.0%
Shared problem solving at national level (eg working together on quality measures for self- harm reduction)	65	43.3%	150	100.0%
Shared problem solving at regional level	72	48.0%	150	100.0%
Action learning sets	45	30.0%	150	100.0%
Peer challenge	37	24.7%	150	100.0%
Model plans	51	34.0%	150	100.0%

