

HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
22 FEBRUARY 2018
SUICIDE PREVENTION
REPORT OF HEAD OF LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To scrutinise how partners are working together to implement the Nottingham Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
 - a) use information provided by partners to review progress in implementing the local Suicide Prevention Plan; and
 - b) identify any further evidence that it wishes to consider.

3 Background information

- 3.1 In December 2016 the House of Commons Select Committee published an interim report on suicide prevention to inform the Government's updated suicide prevention strategy. The Government subsequently published a progress report updating the strategy. The Health Select Committee held a further enquiry and witnesses told the Committee that the underlying strategy was essentially sound but the key problem lay with inadequate implementation. The Select Committee made a number of recommendations including about the quality and implementation of local suicide prevention plans. One of these recommendations was that, while there is a need for national oversight, there was a role for local scrutiny of implementation of suicide prevention plans and that this could be a role for local authority health scrutiny committees.
- 3.2 In response to this, the Committee included a review of the implementation of the Nottingham suicide prevention plan and how partners are working together to reduce suicide by Nottingham City residents on its work programme.
- 3.3 The Committee has invited partners involved with the Suicide Prevention Steering Group to attend the meeting and provide information about their perspective on the local Suicide Prevention Plan, with a particular focus on implementation.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Report on Suicide Prevention

5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

5.1 None

6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

6.1 House of Commons Select Committee Sixth Report of Session 2016/17
 'Suicide Prevention' (March 2017)

 HM Government 'Preventing Suicide in England: Third Progress Report
 of the Cross-Government Outcomes Strategy to Save Lives' (January
 2017)

7 Wards affected

7.1 All

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