

DECISION-MAKER:	HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	SOUTHAMPTON SUICIDE PREVENTION PLAN		
DATE OF DECISION:	29 JUNE 2017		
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF THE HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
Not applicable			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>In December 2016, the House of Commons Health Committee published an interim report on suicide. Witnesses told the inquiry that the underlying strategy is essentially sound but that the key problem lies with inadequate implementation. 95% of local authorities now have a suicide prevention plan, but there is currently little or no information about the quality of those plans.</p> <p>The House of Commons Health Committee noted that there is a role for local scrutiny of implementation of suicide prevention plans and considered that this local scrutiny could be a role for health overview and scrutiny committees within local authorities. The Committee therefore made a recommendation to Government that effective implementation of the suicide prevention plan in local areas should be a key role of health overview and scrutiny committees.</p> <p>In recognition of the information above please find appended to this report a briefing paper informing the Panel of the approach to suicide prevention in Southampton; the Suicide Prevention Plan and the Suicide Prevention Action Plan.</p>			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	That the Panel consider the quality of the Southampton Suicide Prevention plan and how effectively it is being implemented.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	In response to a recommendation from the House of Commons Health Committee.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	The House of Commons Health Committee concluded an inquiry into suicide prevention. The Committee's final report was published on 16 March 2017.		
4.	In the report, the Committee welcomed the fact that 95 per cent of local authorities have a suicide prevention plan in place or in development. However they were concerned that there is no detail about the quality of the plans or about how effectively they are being implemented.		
5.	The Committee consider that local scrutiny is essential for ensuring effective		

	implementation and health overview and scrutiny committees in local authorities are well-placed to perform this important function.
6.	The House of Commons Health Committee therefore recommended that <i>'health overview and scrutiny committees should also be involved in ensuring effective implementation of local authorities' plans. This should be established as a key role of these committees..... Effective local scrutiny of a local authority's suicide prevention plan should reduce or eliminate the need for intervention by the national implementation board'</i> .
7.	Reflecting the recommendations from the Committee the Chair of the Panel has requested that the HOSP consider the Southampton Suicide Prevention Plan, and its implementation, at the June 2017 meeting.
8.	To inform the discussion please find attached, as appendices, a briefing paper outlining the work of Public Health in the development and implementation of the Southampton Suicide Prevention Plan; the Southampton Suicide Prevention Plan and the Action Plan to deliver the Plan.
9.	The Panel are asked to discuss with representatives from Public Health information contained within the appendices and to consider the quality of the Southampton Suicide Prevention plans and how effectively it is being implemented.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
10.	None.
<u>Property/Other</u>	
11.	None.
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
12.	The duty for local authorities to undertake health scrutiny is set out in National Health Service Act 2006. The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
13.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
14.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
15.	None
KEY DECISION	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	None directly as a result of this report

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

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| 1. | Briefing Paper – Southampton Suicide Prevention Plan |
| 2. | Southampton Suicide Prevention Plan 2016 - 2019 |
| 3. | Southampton Suicide Prevention Plan – Action Plan |
| 4. | Suicide Risk Factors |

Documents In Members' Rooms

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| 1. | None |
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Equality Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out.	No
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Privacy Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require a Privacy Impact Assessment (PIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s)	Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1. None	