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Where are we now?

1.1 Wandsworth Profile of Risk Factors

The tables below show how Wandsworth compares with London on several measures and risk factors associated with suicide (OHID, 2022).¹

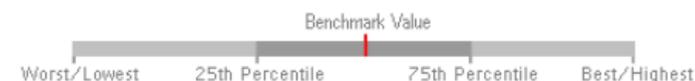
Indicator	Period	Wandsworth			Region England			London		
		Recent Trend	Count	Value	Value	Value	Worst/ Lowest	Range	Best/ Highest	
Depression: Recorded prevalence (aged 18+)	2020/21	↑	28,365	8.5%	8.7%*	12.3%	6.2%		11.3%	
Mental Health: QOF prevalence (all ages)	2020/21	→	3,977	0.98%	1.11%*	0.95%	0.72%		1.44%	
Estimated prevalence of opiate and/or crack cocaine use	2016/17	–	1,522	6.4	9.3	8.9	14.4		4.9	
Long-term health problem or disability: % of population	2011	–	34,386	11.2%	14.2%	17.6%	17.3%		11.2%	
Self-reported wellbeing - people with a low satisfaction score	2020/21	–	-	-	5.7%	6.1%	-	Insufficient number of values for a spine chart		-
Self-reported wellbeing - people with a low worthwhile score	2020/21	–	-	*	3.6%	4.4%	-	Insufficient number of values for a spine chart		-
Self-reported wellbeing - people with a low happiness score	2020/21	–	-	*	8.3%	9.2%	-	Insufficient number of values for a spine chart		-
Self-reported wellbeing - people with a high anxiety score	2020/21	–	-	21.8%	23.8%	24.2%	29.2%		15.9%	
Prisoner population: count ⚠️	Sep 2018	–	1,449	1,449	7677*	78533*	-	Insufficient number of values for a spine chart		-
Children entering the youth justice system (10-17 yrs)	2017/18	–	-	-	-	-	-	-		-
Children leaving care: rate per 10,000 children aged under 18	2017/18	→	180	28.6	27.3	25.2	14.2		160.6	
Marital breakup: % of adults	2011	–	22,838	8.9%	10.6%	11.6%	12.8%		7.7%	

¹ [Suicide Prevention Profile - OHID \(phe.org.uk\)](https://phe.org.uk)

Social Isolation: percentage of adult social care users who have as much social contact as they would like (18+ yrs)	2019/20	—	1,270	41.8%	42.9%	45.9%	34.3%		50.5%
Social Isolation: percentage of adult carers who have as much social contact as they would like (18+ yrs)	2018/19	—	30	16.7%	33.2%	32.5%	16.7%		45.7%
Older people living alone: % of households occupied by a single person aged 65 or over	2011	—	10,385	8.0%	9.6%	12.4%	6.0%		13.9%
People living alone: % of all usual residents in households occupied by a single person	2011	—	42,106	14.0%	12.8%	12.8%	8.0%		23.4%
Unemployment (model-based)	2020	—	10,900	5.1%	6.0%	4.7%	8.0%		4.1%
Statutory homelessness - Eligible homeless people not in priority need	2017/18	↓	59	0.4	1.0	0.8	2.8		0.1
Statutory homelessness - households in temporary accommodation	2017/18	↑	1,761	12.7	14.9	3.4	40.1		1.9
Domestic abuse-related incidents and crimes	2020/21	—	-	35.2*	35.1	30.3	35.2		35.2
Long term claimants of Jobseeker's Allowance	2021	↓	548	2.3	2.3	2.1	5.8		0.5
Children in care	2021	→	252	39	47	67	79		29
Estimated prevalence of common mental disorders: % of population aged 16 & over	2017	—	49,805	18.8%*	19.3%*	16.9%*	24.4%		13.2%
Estimated prevalence of common mental disorders: % of population aged 65 & over	2017	—	3,474	11.4%*	11.3%*	10.2%*	14.6%		8.3%

● Better 95%
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Recent trends:
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 → No significant change
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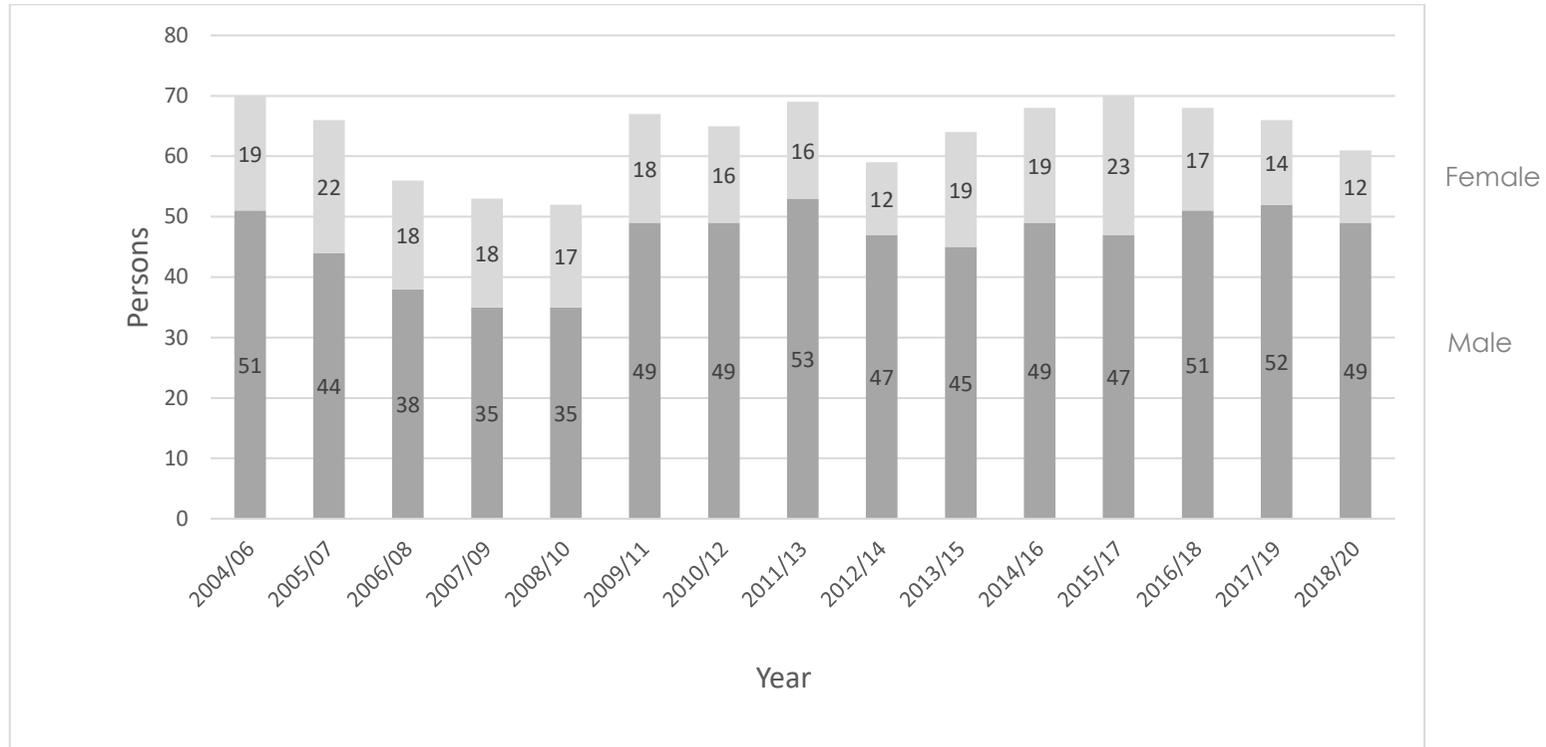
1.2 What is the Scale of the Problem?

- 1.2.1 Every suicide is tragic, and the impact can be devastating for all those affected. Suicides can be prevented, mainly by having a caring and compassionate society that supports vulnerable individuals and people at times of personal crisis.
- 1.2.2 There are a wide range of local stakeholders that have a role to play in preventing suicide. Many people who take their own lives have not been in touch with mental health services. There are many things we can do in our communities and outside hospital and care settings to help those who think suicide is their only option.
- 1.2.3 Although the number of people who take their own lives in England has followed a downward trend over the last 20 years, more recent data indicates that the national suicide rate (plus death from injury of undetermined intent) has increased since 2006 from 9.2 per 100,000 to 10.4 per 100,000 in 2020. The suicide rate in Wandsworth, 8.0 per 100,000, is the same as the London average (8.0 per 100,000) and below the England average (10.4 per 100,000).²
- 1.2.4 Figure 1 below shows the consistent difference in the number of deaths (3 year rolling average) between men and women in Wandsworth. As the graphic shows, the difference is now at its highest in the 14 year period shown, with four men to one woman dying through suicide or from an injury of undetermined intent.³

² [Suicide Prevention Profile - OHID \(phe.org.uk\)](https://phe.org.uk)

³ Open verdicts are generally coded by the ONS as deaths from injury or poisoning of undetermined intent. When national statistics are presented, suicides and deaths of undetermined intent are combined. This reflects research studies which show that most open verdicts are most likely suicides, although they do not meet the high legal standard of evidence required for a Coroner to record a suicide verdict.

1.2.5 **Figure 1. Number of Suicides and Deaths Due to Injury of Undetermined Intent in Wandsworth by Gender (3 year average).**



Source: OHID. 2022. Suicide Prevention Profile. <http://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/suicide/data>

1.2.6 **Figure 2. Age-standardised suicide death rates per 100,000 across 3-year aggregates, England, London and Wandsworth**



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1.3 Suicide in England since the COVID-19 pandemic - early figures from real-time surveillance

- 1.3.1 There is no evidence of the large national increase in suicide post-lockdown that many feared.
- 1.3.2 There appears to have been no rise in suicide post-lockdown, at least in the areas⁴ providing real-time suicide surveillance. The higher figures in 2020 should be seen in the context of a rising national rate and maturing real-time surveillance systems.
- 1.3.3 There are several important caveats. These early figures could change over time or with the inclusion of more areas. Higher rates in some local areas or population sub-groups cannot be ruled out, especially as the effect of COVID-19 itself has varied between communities.
- 1.3.4 It is too soon to examine the full long-term impact of the economic adversity resulting from COVID-19 on mental health and suicide.⁵

⁴ Real-Time Suicide Surveillance Areas across 10 Sustainability and Transformation Plan Areas in England, NE, NW, central and SW, covering a population of 9 million.

⁵ [display.aspx \(manchester.ac.uk\)](#)

1.4 Risk Groups and Risk Factors.⁶

The following tables show groups at increased risk of suicide as well as factors and mental health conditions that increase an individual's risk.

Risk Groups	Risk Factors	Additional Risk Factors	Mental Health Conditions ⁷
Young and middle-aged men	Life history: adverse childhood experiences; history of sexual or physical abuse; history of parental neglect	Being gay, lesbian or transgender, arising from the prejudice these groups often face	Severe depression: people with severe depression are much more likely to attempt suicide than the general population
People in the care of mental health services	Mental health: developing a serious mental health condition	Being in debt Long-term physical health condition	Bipolar disorder: about one in three people with bipolar disorder will attempt suicide at least once. People with bipolar disorder are 20 times more likely to attempt suicide than the general population
History of self-harm and suicide	Drugs or alcohol dependencies	Being a war veteran	Psychosis: it is estimated that 1 in 20 people with psychosis will take their own life
People in the criminal justice system	Employment; poor job security, low levels of job satisfaction or being unemployed	Being in prison or recently released from prison Being Homeless	Borderline personality disorder: it is estimated that just over half of people with borderline personality disorder will make at least one suicide attempt
Specific occupational groups including construction workers, doctors, veterinary workers, farmers, and agricultural workers	Stressful life event: bereavement, divorce and separation and terminal health condition Genetics and family history living alone	Occupations that provide access to potential ways of dying by suicide e.g., working as a doctor, nurse, pharmacist, farmer member of the armed forces	Anorexia nervosa: it is estimated that around one in five people with anorexia will make at least one suicide attempt

⁶ [Department of Psychiatry \(ox.ac.uk\)](http://www.ox.ac.uk)

⁷ NHS Choices, <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Suicide/Pages/Causes.aspx>

2 Where do we want to be?

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2.3 Outcomes

- Reduction in suicides – to keep the suicide rate below the London average
- Reduce admissions for self-harm
- Establish and maintain effective care pathways to help people in crisis
- Provide high quality care for people in crisis
- Increased use of co-produced and personalised safety planning in support services

2.4 Enablers

- A multi-agency partnership approach to deliver a defined action plan (Wandsworth Suicide Prevention Group)
- Focus on local intelligence gathering
- Seamless and integrated care pathways
- Clinical commissioning support for strategic actions
- Feedback and consultation with stakeholders

2.5 Approach

The Wandsworth Suicide Prevention Group (WSPG) was formed in 2014 and provides a multi-agency forum to lead on the reduction of suicides in Wandsworth. This strategy is a refreshed version of the previous strategy which was delivered during 2019 – 2022. The development and implementation of the new strategy and action plan will be the responsibility of the WSPG. Key partners in the delivery of this strategy are, Wandsworth Borough Council, South West London (SWL) Integrated Care System, Primary Care Networks, South West London & St. George's Mental Health NHS Trust, St. George's Hospital NHS Trust, service users, families/carers, communities, people with lived experience and the voluntary sector.

2.6 Guiding Principles

All activities undertaken as part of this strategy should be guided by the following principles⁸:

Principle	Description
Equity and Equality	Provision of services should be proportional to need and targeted to the areas that need them the most to avoid increasing health inequalities.
Accessibility	Services should be accessible to all, with factors including, geography, opening hours and access for people with disabilities considered.
Early Intervention and Prevention	People will receive information, opportunities, and support to help them take care of their own health and wellbeing, prevent deterioration, and lead independent lives.
Integration	Service provision and care pathways should be integrated, with all relevant providers working together. This will maximise the benefits of delivery.
Effectiveness	Services should be evidence-based and provide value for money.
Quality	Services and activities commissioned will be of high quality, with quality and patient/resident playing a key role in the assessment of what makes a 'good' service. The delivery of quality services will be a high-profile factor in the commissioning process.
Sustainability	Services should be developed and delivered with consideration of social, economic, and environmental sustainability.
Safeguarding	People's health and social care services will be safeguarded, throughout their experience.
Dignity and Respect	All people who use or encounter services will be treated with dignity and respect, recognising that people are often going through difficult times.

⁸ Wandsworth Borough Council, Public Health Division, Strategy Toolkit, 2015

3. Innovative Approaches to Prevention

3.1 Children and Young People Self-harm and Suicide Prevention Pathway

- 3.1.1 Recent national surveys have identified increased prevalence of mental health disorders in children and young people. A young person with a diagnosed mental disorder is also more likely to have self-harmed or attempted suicide at some point. In 2020, one in six (16.0%) children aged 5 to 16 years were identified as having a probable mental disorder, increasing from one in nine (10.8%) in 2017. The increase was evident in both boys and girls.⁹
- 3.1.2 The data highlights that for young people between 11 and 16 years with a mental disorder, 25.5% had self-harmed or attempted suicide at some point compared to 3.0% for those without a disorder. For those between 17 to 19 years with a disorder the rate is even higher with almost half (46.8%) reporting that they had made a suicide attempt or self-harmed at some point. Young women with a mental disorder between the ages of 17 and 19 have been identified as a particularly high-risk group with just over half (52.7%) reporting that they had self-harmed or made a suicide attempt.¹⁰
- 3.1.3 Among young people who identify under the umbrella term LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning) there are elevated rates of suicidal ideation (thoughts of self-harm, the consideration or planning of suicide) and suicidal behaviour. A systematic review in 2008 found that lesbian, gay and bisexual (LGB) individuals were at higher risk of both suicidal behaviour and ideation compared with heterosexuals.¹¹
- 3.1.4 In 2022, the Wandsworth Suicide Prevention Group agreed that an accessible self-harm and suicide prevention pathway be developed to respond to the increased prevalence of mental health disorders in children and young people.

The pathway and toolkit supports the following groups:

- Children and young people
- Parent and carers
- Staff working in schools and colleges

⁹ [Mental Health of Children and Young People in England, 2020: Wave 1 follow up to the 2017 survey - NHS Digital](#)

¹⁰ <https://files.digital.nhs.uk/A6/EA7D58/MHCYP%202017%20Summary.pdf>

¹¹ [Examining risk factors for self-harm and suicide in LGBTQ+ young people: a systematic review protocol | BMJ Open](#)

- Youth services
- Children's services
- General Practitioners
- Community and voluntary sector services

- 3.1.5 Self-harm and suicide ideation span a broad spectrum of risk. Low risk scenarios can be adequately supported by schools with appropriate psychological interventions. Higher risk situations require more robust safety planning. Providing a range of interventions graded on the degree of risk provides the opportunity for clear referral pathways.
- 3.1.6 The iTHRIVE¹² model of risk support provides an evidence-based framework to map and implement local responses to self-harm and suicide ideation. The model uses an integrated, person centred, and needs led approach to support the mental well-being of children and young people. It identifies need across five categories: Thriving, Getting Advice and Signposting, Getting Help, Getting More Help and Getting Risk Support.
- 3.1.7 The pathway consists of:
- Advice and signposting for children and young people
 - Best practice guidance for parents/ carers and frontline services to respond to disclosure of self-harm and suicidality
 - A simple route to services based on the presenting level of need
 - Specific advice for managing self-harm and suicide ideation in schools, colleges, and youth settings
 - Access to evidence-based resources, information, advice, and guidance
- 3.1.8 A multi-disciplinary task and finish group was established to support the pathway development. Active engagement with children, young people, parents, carers, and universal services ensured the appropriateness of the pathway.
- 3.1.9 The pathway also provides the opportunity to include good practice advice and guidance. This additional material will support more informed responses to self-harm and suicide ideation across universal services. The task and finish groups were supported by specialist mental health services to advise on additional evidence-based content.

¹² [THRIVE-Framework-for-system-change-2019.pdf \(implementingthrive.org\)](https://www.implementingthrive.org/THRIVE-Framework-for-system-change-2019.pdf)

3.2 Suicide Prevention Community Action Plan

- 3.2.1 During 2018, a task group, led by public health, was set up to formulate a Community Action Plan to mitigate against the risk of suicide clusters and contagion. A small multi-agency group created the plan based upon a practice resource developed by Public Health England.
- 3.2.2 The term “suicide cluster” describes a situation in which more suicides than expected occur in terms of time, place, or both. A suicide cluster usually includes three or more deaths. With suicidal behaviour increasingly spreading via the internet and social media, a greater number of suicides than expected may well occur in a specific time-period and be spread out geographically (so called mass clusters).
- 3.2.3 Suicide clusters understandably cause great concern and may lead to hasty responses. It is important that plans for such occurrences are prepared in advance, to ensure a measured and effective response. The Wandsworth Suicide Prevention Community Action Plan provides a systematic process to identify potential clusters and provide a series of swift interventions to mitigate the threat.
- 3.2.4 The Community Action Plan has two specific facets: active surveillance through a Suicide Surveillance Group and mitigation through a multi-agency Suicide Response Group. The plan has been developed with partners including Public Health, South West London Integrated Care Board, Metropolitan Police, Local Safeguarding Children Board and Adult Social Care. The Suicide Surveillance Group will meet regularly throughout the year to monitor the levels of suicide and identify potential suicide clusters and contagion.
- 3.2.5 The Community Action Plan has been refreshed in 2022 to incorporate changes to new governance structures. SWL Integrated Care System has established a SWL Suicide Surveillance Group to provide a multi-agency approach to surveillance across the region.

3.3 Thrive Pan London Suicide Prevention Hub

- 3.3.1 Thrive LDN is working with the Metropolitan Police to provide a Suicide Prevention Data Information Sharing Hub. The hub provides real time information to Local Authorities on suspected suicides. This information enables appropriate support for families and friends of the deceased. People experiencing bereavement from suicide are more at risk of dying by suicide.¹³ Following consent from the family, information of the Next of Kin is passed on to relevant services so that they can access bereavement support and other support services. The hub is in the process of expanding the scope to include incidents of life-threatening self-harm where the individual does not die.

¹³[Bereavement by suicide as a risk factor for suicide attempt: a cross-sectional national UK-wide study of 3432 young bereaved adults | BMJ Open](#)

- 3.3.2 The information contained on the Thrive Hub will also be helpful to ensure that the Suicide Prevention Group has real time information relating to suspected suicides. The hub will provide several important pieces of information including means of death, location, demographics, and support services the deceased was in contact with.

3.4 South West London Suicide Bereavement Service

- 3.4.1 The Suicide Bereavement Service is an NHS England pilot programme funded for an initial 12-month period from November 2019. Funding has been agreed to continue this service. The project aims to establish a service to support individuals and families affected by suicide. There are plans to expand the offer to include counselling support from 2022. The pathway will utilise the Thrive LDN data sharing hub (described in section 2.11) to enable a Suicide Bereavement Liaison Worker to contact the family and encourage onward referrals into appropriate services.

4 How will we get there?

4.1 Strategic Objectives and Action Plan 2022/23

Objective	Action	Measures / Outcomes	Owner	Timescale
1. Understand local need	1.1 Maintain information sharing protocol with THRIVE LDN and the Metropolitan Police to access real-time suicide and self-harm surveillance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information sharing agreed and protocol reviewed on an annual basis 	Wandsworth Council	April 2023
	1.2 Borough representation at the South West London Suicide Surveillance Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular monitoring of Real Time Suicide Surveillance platform to identify trends and patterns to inform strategy development Regular monitoring of suicide data to mitigate risk of cluster and contagion 	Wandsworth Council	Bi-monthly
2. Challenge stigma and discrimination	2.1 Proactively distribute suicide reporting guidelines to local media groups to support safe and non-stigmatising reporting of suicides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media organisations identified, and Samaritans guidance distributed with accompanying letter from Director of Public Health 	Wandsworth Council	January 2023
	2.2 Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and suicide prevention training delivered to frontline and community and voluntary sector staff to enable appropriate responses to individuals experiencing self-harm and suicidality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MHFA and suicide prevention training for community and voluntary sector commissioned Establish baseline of the number of individuals trained and increased investment in MHFA and suicide prevention courses 	Wandsworth Council	September 2022
3. Improve access to information and training	3.1 Support secondary schools (including independent schools), colleges, and universities to access suicide prevention and self-harm prevention training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of schools, colleges and universities accessing Papyrus suicide prevention training for schools 	Wandsworth Council	December 2022
	3.2 Primary care self-harm and suicide prevention fact sheets developed and distributed to primary care settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fact sheets distributed to GP practices and primary care settings Evaluate impact of factsheets to establish improved responses to self-harm and suicide 	Primary Care Network	December 2022

	3.3 'Help is at Hand' booklets and Z cards distributed to primary care settings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All GP and health centres provided with 'Help is at Hand' materials 	Primary Care Network	December 2022
	3.4 Survey Primary Care Networks to establish suicide prevention needs of GPs (training, resources, best practice guidance) in primary care settings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey developed and circulated to Primary Care Networks Findings disseminated and recommendations inform future suicide prevention action plan 	Primary Care Network	December 2022
	3.5 Work closely with stakeholders to provide preventative approaches at frequently used suicide locations, including railways, bridges, and the river Thames	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify and engage with key stakeholders including Network Rail, South West Trains, Port of London Authority, RNLI, TFL and the Samaritans Representatives to be included in suicide prevention planning through the Crisis Care Concordat meetings Provide up to date intelligence to stakeholders through the Real Time Suicide Surveillance data Agree plans to escalate preventative approaches at frequently used suicide locations 	Wandsworth Council	January 2023
4. Prevent self-harm and suicide in young people	4.1 Support the implementation of Mental Health Support Teams (MHST) and the 'Whole School Approach' (WSA) to children and young people's mental health and well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regularly attend strategic partnership groups and MHST cluster meetings to promote WSA Develop WSA seminar to support schools to adopt approach Support the evaluation of the MHST in South West London (report published August 2022) 	Integrated Care Board Wandsworth Council	September 2022
	4.2 Ensure support for young people who self-harm and/or are suicidal through locally developed self-harm pathway and toolkit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish task and finish group to develop self-harm and suicide prevention pathway and toolkit Co-produce toolkit and pathway with stakeholders Implement and evaluate toolkit and pathway 	Wandsworth Council	December 2022
	4.3 Support University of Roehampton to adopt 'Suicide Safer University' Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategy approved by university executive and included reference to local support networks and resources. 	University of Roehampton	March 2023
5. Improve access to local services	5.1 Improve integrated support for individuals experiencing co-occurring mental health and substance misuse support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support development of a multi-agency co-occurring conditions strategic action plan Ensure robust suicide prevention practice is by both mental health and substance misuse 	Integrated Care Board Wandsworth Council	December 2022

		services and is implemented as part of a co-occurring conditions action plan		
	5.2 Develop suicide prevention campaigns to improve access to support and care services for people at higher risk of suicide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate communication campaigns to improve access to support and care services for people at higher risk of suicide Plan and deliver suicide prevention campaigns for high-risk groups including middle-aged men, LGBTQ+ communities and people with drug and alcohol dependencies Support Free2Be youth group to implement the self-harm and suicide prevention toolkit with service users 	Suicide Prevention Group	March 2023
	5.3 Refresh Suicide Community Action Plan (CAP) to mitigate against cluster and contagion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refreshed CAP approved by WSPG and adults and children’s safeguarding boards Review CAP on an annual basis 	Wandsworth Council	September 2022
	5.4 Increase access to MHFA Training and suicide prevention training for school staff, first responders and universal services to ensure appropriate support can be accessed for children and young people experiencing psychological distress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline of numbers receiving training established, and annual review of number of courses delivered 	Wandsworth Council	September 2022
	5.5 Promote awareness of SWL Suicide Bereavement Service across frontline services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased referrals and numbers of individuals supported by Suicide Bereavement Service 	Primary Care Network	March 2023
6. Improve crisis responses and pathways	6.1 Develop and disseminate effective crisis care pathways for children, young people, and adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathways complete Crisis pathways information disseminated across universal and targeted services Communication strategy to raise awareness of crisis pathways and support services developed 	Integrated Care Board Wandsworth Council	March 2023
	6.2 Ensure safer hospital discharge with follow up within 72 hours after leaving hospital.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of service users leaving hospital will have a face-to-face review and risk assessment within 72 hours upon discharge. 	Mental Health Trust	Quarterly update

	6.3 Effective liaison in urgent care centres and A&E to identify self-harm and suicidal behaviour and refer to appropriate support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 95% of attendances to urgent care, receiving an assessment from the Core 24 team within 1 hour. 	Mental Health Trust	Quarterly Update
	6.4 Ensure effective suicide prevention and safety responses in drug and alcohol services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suicide awareness and safety planning for drug and alcohol services commissioned 	Wandsworth Council	March 2023
	6.5 Establish effective crisis responses for people experiencing financial hardship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Task and finish group to identify pathways of support established Improved awareness of financial support and crisis pathways 	Suicide Prevention Group	December 2022

5 How Will We Measure Success? - Monitoring the Strategy

5.1 Governance

5.1.1 The Suicide Prevention Strategy has been agreed by []

5.1.2 The multi-agency Suicide Prevention Group will be responsible for overseeing the progress and delivery of the action plan and will report back to Health and Wellbeing Board.

5.2 Strategic Performance Indicators

Indicator	2021/22 (Baseline)	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Suicide Rate	8.0 Per 100,000	[] Per 100,000	[] Per 100,000	[] Per 100,000
Self-harm Hospital admissions (10-24)	259.7 per 100,000	[] Per 100,000	[] Per 100,000	[] Per 100,000
Number of Wandsworth residents in secondary care dying by suicide	[awaiting data]	[]	[]	[]
Adult males accessing psychological therapies	[awaiting data]	[]	[]	[]
Increase referrals to postvention interventions through the SWL Suicide Bereavement Service	31	[]	[]	[]

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