

OVERVIEW OF COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN ARRANGEMENTS

The Belfast Health & Social Care Trust will monitor statistics, numbers and locations of all suicides upon receipt of information from PSNI (SD1 forms), local community intelligence and any other sources



Community Response Steering Group members representing the North and West Belfast Project Life Implementation Group and South and East Belfast Mental Health Community of Interest will work within local communities to identify community resources that can be brought together to provide an effective and integrated local response following a suicide or attempted suicide in an area; to include:

- Details of available support services
- Current contact details for support services
- Arrangements to share information quickly
- An understanding of the arrangements for coordinated family support and communication pathway
- Ability to set up a Local Coordinating Group quickly (or to contact the BHSCT to coordinate response if necessary)

(This can be done in advance of a response being required and may be set out in a local plan)



If a suicide occurs in Belfast the BHSCT will provide a family liaison role and the Co Director of Mental Health Services will assess local response and make contact with other members of the Community Response Steering Group; in particular the Protect Life Organisations. This initial communication and assessment can be facilitated in tandem with the bereavement liaison role



Should a response be required, and if not already established, the Co Director of Mental Health Services and relevant members of the CRSG will decide if a Local Coordinating Group should meet to implement the community response arrangements. If a Local Coordinating Group has already been established the Co Director and other relevant members of the CRSG will liaise with it in order to support the local response.



In implementing the community response arrangements the Local Coordinating Group will identify those at risk, individuals, family & friends and ensure that support is available for them. The local group will also liaise with other relevant groups and individuals. It will make contact with the BHSCT and the PHA to facilitate liaison with the media. BHSCT will be the central point of contact for all media enquiries.



STANDING DOWN A RESPONSE

Following consultation with the Local Coordinating Group the Co Director of Mental Health services will immediately inform all members of the CRSG and Local Coordinating Group that the response has been completed and that no further action specific to that response is required.



REVIEW AND EVALUATION

Responses will be reviewed by the Community Response Steering Group at its bi-monthly meetings.

The Chair of the CRSG will report, in writing key learning points, perceived trends and concerns associated with suicide prevention and arising from the responses to the Chair of the Belfast Protect Life Implementation Group.