

Overview and Scrutiny Task Group - Suicide Bereavement and Prevention

Wednesday, 22nd May 2024, 6.30 pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chorley
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Agenda

Apologies

1 Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda.

If you have a pecuniary interest you must withdraw from the meeting. Normally you should leave the room before the business starts to be discussed. You do, however, have the same right to speak as a member of the public and may remain in the room to enable you to exercise that right and then leave immediately. In either case you must not seek to improperly influence a decision on the matter.

3 Scoping the Review

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Attached for members to consider at the meeting.

4 Presentation - Council Services in relation to Suicide Prevention and Bereavement

Chelsea Fisher, Social Prescribing Team Leader and Bernie Heggarty, Neighbourhood Priorities Officer have been invited to the meeting to present information about council services in respect of suicide prevention and bereavement.

This may also be useful for the scoping exercise and members may wish to update the scoping document based on information received.

5 Dates for meetings

Schedule of meetings to be agreed at the meeting.

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Chief Executive

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Scrutiny Inquiry Project Outline

Overview and Scrutiny Inquiry Project Outline

Review Topic:

Objectives:

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Desired Outcomes:

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Terms of Reference:

Equality and diversity implications:

Risks:

Venue(s):

Town Hall, Market Street, Chorley.

Chair: TBC

Timescale:

Start: May 2024

Finish: September 2024?

Information Requirements and Sources:

Documents/evidence: (what/why?)

Witnesses: (who, why?)

Consultation/Research: (what, why, who?)

Site Visits: (where, why, when?)

Officer Support:

Lead Officer:

Democratic and
Member Services Officer: Clare Gornall

Likely Budget Requirements:

Purpose

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Total

Target Body¹ for Findings/Recommendations

Executive Cabinet

(Eg Executive Cabinet, Council, partner)

¹ All project outcomes require the approval of Overview and Scrutiny Committee before progressing



28 March 2024 – meeting for initial discussions on the Scrutiny Review – Suicide Prevention and Bereavement

Notes of meeting

Cllr Martin talked about prevention of suicide and about the support provided to those bereaved by suicide, that this was a huge point of prevention, to prevent multiple suicides as people who are bereaved by suicide are at a higher risk of themselves committing suicide.

Discussion took place around the following:

- What is already underway/undertaken by the Council
- Talk to different organisations about what support they feels is needed. Find the gap
- What can we do to better support bereaved – volunteer, support group, activity.
- What is the link re Chorley and high risk of suicide - is it just that we are not doing enough.
- Need to fill the gap in between statutory services and what we have got to fill the gap.
- LCC had recently had a strategy out for consultation. The consultation had closed but some Members may still respond.
- Suggest Brainstorming session with other agencies – Could formulate a directory.
- More facilities were needed to host meetings such as Andys Man Club.
- Support needed for rural areas.
- Different activity groups in particular for bereaved
- Visits to support groups
- Contact highway agencies to request higher barriers on bridges
- Suicide Awareness and what to do.
- Requirement for dedicated officer for Bereavement Support
- Huge amount of people looking for help – How can we help them?
- Offer of interim support instead of going round in circles of services
- Should be clear where someone can get help
- Looking out for friends and colleagues
- Provision mapping

It was decided to delay setting objectives until the task group meeting.

Members requested that the following people/organisations be invited to a meeting:

- Chelsea Fisher (Social Prescribing)
- Bernie Heggarty
- Lancashire MIND
- Bereavement Support Group –
- Andy Man's Club – Chorley
- Chorley Buddies
- Rep from St Laurence Church Bereavement Café
- Samaritans – Local Group Coordinator

- Youth Zone
- Runshaw College
- CRUSE Bereavement – probably Preston
- Local Police – Designated Officer who deals with Suicide Prevention Team

Note after the meeting: The Director of Public Health was mentioned re the LCC consultation of Suicide Strategy

Useful links

[Woman whose daughter and husband took their lives starts suicide support charity - BBC News](#)

[Lancashire voluntary groups in crisis due to people referred by NHS | Lancashire Telegraph](#)