

Name of the activity being assessed	Blackburn with Darwen Suicide Prevention Strategy				
Directorate / Department	Public Health	Service	Suicide Prevention Strategy	Assessment lead	Sanam Taj
Is this a new or existing activity?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Existing	Responsible manager / director for the assessment		Dominic Harrison	
Date EIA started	11/05/2015	Implementation date of the activity		04/04/2016	

SECTION 1 - ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITY

How was the need for this activity identified?	<p>The development of a local suicide action plan is recommended by the government and supports the 2012 strategy ‘Preventing Suicide in England. A Cross Government Outcomes Strategy to Save Lives’.</p> <p>Suicide data is made available by Public Health England (PHE) for all boroughs of England. PHE’s Suicide Prevention Profile for Blackburn with Darwen, for the period 2011-2013, shows that the suicide rate was higher than the regional and national average. Furthermore, regional and national trends also showed that male suicide rates were higher than female suicide rates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local BwD audit Office of National Statistics (ONS) data revealed similar trends for both 2012 and 2013, where 87.5% were male and 12.5% were female in 2012 (total n=16). In 2013; 92% were male and 8% female (total n=13). The audit has also revealed that the group with the highest number of deaths by suicide were White men aged 45+ years. This is different to national statistics which again highlight that the death by suicide rate is higher in White men but within the 25-49 year age group. <p>Our audit highlights similarities and differences with the national strategy and their findings and therefore our local strategy will reflect this when developed and subsequently implemented.</p>
What is the activity looking to achieve? What are the aims and objectives?	<p>The aim of the Suicide Prevention Strategy is to reduce the rate of suicide in Blackburn with Darwen by using a life-course approach and focusing on mental wellbeing.</p> <p>The objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint working (and commissioning where relevant) to develop clear, consistent and streamlined pathways between services to help in early identification of at risk individuals Collation and timely reporting of data related to suicide and self-harm to help develop and adapt services according to need identified Focus on promoting mental wellbeing in the whole population and where relevant tailor to different community groups and those identified as high risk by local data Support those bereaved by suicide and those affected by attempted suicide Support research, data collection and monitoring

Who else will be involved in undertaking the equality analysis and impact assessment?

Please identify additional sources of information you have used to complete the EIA, e.g. reports; journals; legislation etc.

The Blackburn with Darwen Suicide Prevention Strategy is based on the Public Health England Suicide Prevention Strategy 'Preventing Suicide in England: A cross government outcomes strategy to save lives'. Public Health England has completed an EIA on their suicide prevention strategy (https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/216929/Final-assessment-of-impact-on-equalities.pdf) and this has been consulted and considered in this local EIA.

Guidance for developing a local suicide prevention action plan:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/359993/Guidance_for_developing_a_local_suicide_prevention_action_plan_2_.pdf

Who are you consulting with? How are you consulting with them? (Please insert any information around surveys and consultations undertaken)

Three consultation events were carried out in the period December 2014-January 2015. These events included representatives from Public Health, Local Safeguarding Children's Board (LSCB), Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), 50+ Partnership, Lancashire Women's Centre, Mind (a Mental Health Charity), Salvation Army, Blackburn Community and Voluntary Service (CVS), Alcohol and Drug Services, Lancashire Care Foundation Trust (LCFT), Community Re-start Team, Nightsafe, Lifeline, Blackburn College, Homestart, Child Action North West (CANW), Samaritans, Children and Family Health Service and Midwifery. Please find below an attachment with all consultation feedback. Consultation participants were asked to attend any three consultation workshops (relevant to their work area) each reflecting a different life course i.e. Start Well, Live Well and Age Well. The consultation asked colleagues to consider the objectives from the national strategy and reflect how these can be implemented locally in BwD.



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Additionally, feedback has been received from Lancashire LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans) and a representative from Lancashire Constabulary.

Who does the activity impact upon?*	Service users	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Indirectly			
	Members of staff	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Indirectly			
	General public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Indirectly			
	Carers or families	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Indirectly			
	Partner organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Indirectly			
Does the activity impact positively or negatively on any of the protected characteristics as stated within the Equality Act (2010)?*	Positive impact	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gender reassignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marriage & Civil Partnership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy & maternity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable groups
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Race	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion or belief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deprived communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carers
	Negative impact	<input type="checkbox"/> Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage & Civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy & maternity	<input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable groups

The groups in blue are not protected characteristics <i>(please refer to p. 3 of the guidance notes)</i>		<input type="checkbox"/> Race	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/> Sex	<input type="checkbox"/> Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/> Deprived communities	<input type="checkbox"/> Carers
	Don't know	<input type="checkbox"/> Age	<input type="checkbox"/> Disability	<input type="checkbox"/> Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/> Marriage & Civil Partnership	<input type="checkbox"/> Pregnancy & maternity	<input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable groups
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***If no impact is identified on any of the protected characteristics a full EIA may not be required. Please contact your departmental Corporate Equality & Diversity representative for further information.**

Does the activity contribute towards meeting the Equality Act's general Public Sector Equality Duty? *Refer to p.3 of the guidance for more information*
A public authority must have 'due regard' (i.e. consciously consider) to the following:

DUTY	DOES THE ACTIVITY MEET THIS DUTY? EXPLAIN
Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act <i>(i.e. the activity removes or minimises disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristic)</i>	<p>The Suicide Prevention Strategy includes actions to reduce inequalities in groups that share protected characteristics. This is in-line with the national strategy as people in these groups are considered high risk of death by suicide. The strategy itself and the action plan within it, include further details and will be made available when Exec Board make the decision to accept the Strategy for Blackburn with Darwen and the partner organisations of the Health and Wellbeing Board approve it.</p>
Advance equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not <i>(i.e. the activity takes steps to meet the needs of people from protected groups where these are different from the needs of other people)</i>	
Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not <i>(i.e. the function encourages people from protected groups to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is disproportionately low)</i>	

ASSESSMENT	Is a full EIA required?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Please explain how you have reached your conclusion <i>(A lack of negative impacts must be justified with evidence and clear reasons, highlight how the activity negates or mitigates any possible negative impacts)</i>			
<p>No negative impact on any of the protected characteristics identified. In developing the national suicide prevention strategy (on which the local strategy is based) recognition of the implications for the people sharing protected characteristics has been an integral part of the process. Details can be found in the EIA of the national suicide prevention strategy: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/216929/Final-assessment-of-impact-on-equalities.pdf</p>			

Assessment Lead Signature		Date	12/01/2016
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