



Title of Meeting:	Suicide Prevention and Self Harm Meeting
Time:	9.30 – 11.30
Date:	17 th October 2013
Venue:	Room 2.03 Oak House
Reference:	
Chairman:	John Radford

In Attendance:

Dr John Radford (chair)

Jayne Freeman (notes)

Ruth Fletcher-Brown

Public Health RMBC

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Lesley McNeill RCCG
Pete Horner SYP

Sam Newton Safeguarding, RMBC

Helen Mortimer Samaritans
Christine Edwards Samaritans
Cllr Ken Wyatt RMBC
Sally Kilgariff TRFT

Kay Denton-Tarn CYPS RMBC Richard Bryan RDaSH – CAMHS

Sharon Greensill RDaSH

Apologies:

Sarah Whittaker, Sara Graham, Tom Cray, Graeme Fagan, Michael Ibemesi, Kate Tufnell

1	Welcome Introduction & Apologies	
	Introductions were made around the table and apologies noted.	
2	Minutes of Last Meeting True Record	
	Matters Arising	
	 Notification of death by suicide when the person has died at TRFT – SK to contact Bereavement Centre. 	SK
	 Top Tips – once rolled out to all GP's could we look at distributing as a resource to other staff groups. PH advised of the possibility of funding from SYP to help with production of this. RFB to discuss with KT. To be circulated to the group for comment and brought to December meeting. QTV (Public Health Channel) – now showing a rolling message re CAMHS. May need to widen out to other groups. 	JF
	All other matters arising covered in agenda.	
3	Terms of Reference	
	Colleagues agreed:	
	Accountability - should be to the Health & Well Being Board - with minutes being	
	forwarded to the cabinet member (Cllr Ken Wyatt)	
	All other areas to remain the same – RFB suggested that a representative from IYSS	

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	(Integrated Youth Support Services) be included on the membership of the group.	RFB
4	Update – Suicide Audit Group JR gave a brief summary around 3 teenage suicides which have occurred in Rotherham over the last 2 years. He advised that all 3 of them were loosely involved in a social group known as 'Emo's' – this appears to be a culture which is quite widespread amongst schools and colleges not only in Rotherham but nationally. JR is asking colleagues at a national level what can be done to work with this group of young people.	
	JR has been asked to give evidence at the inquest of one of the young people. JR advised that we need to be ready to respond proactively if there is any media interest at the time. RFB to discuss with RMBC Communications.	RFB
	RB advised that he had previously worked in the North Lincs area and that the incidence of self harm amongst young people in that similar group /culture there was quite high. As a result North Lincs had done some outreach work with this particular group. After some discussion the following suggestions were raised; Could agencies have an input onto these websites? – Safe messages / signposting etc.	
	 Promotion of 'Safe' websites Interactive Young People's Magazine Advert / positive promotion of on-going work on facebook – JR / RFB to speak to Ken Clayton in Creative Media team about this. 	JR/RFB
	JR to give a presentation to the Rotherham Safeguarding Children's Board in December re recent suicides in this age group.	
5	Adult Suicide Cluster Plan JR advised that there was no national guidance currently in England how local areas can respond to multiple suicides. The Strategic Group looking into the recent deaths amongst young people have developed the following guidelines, 'Rotherham Multi Agency Guidance for Preventing and Responding to Behaviours Which May Indicate Potential Suicide or Self Harm Clusters', which has been endorsed by the Rotherham Local Safeguarding Children Board.	
	This group are tasked with looking at the guidance for adults. RFB and SN to meet outside of this meeting to discuss and draft a document which will be tabled at a future meeting.	RFB/SN
6.	Feedback from Conference – 'Suicide Bereavement is Everbody's Business' RFB gave colleagues a brief update around the conference she had recently attended. She advised that the bereavement support Task and Finish group had met to discuss what support to put in place. Children	
	 Related to deceased but not witnessed – how to identify? Children seeing deceased – how to fast track into services (CAMHS) Looking to draft support for children and young people into School Nursing contract RFB / Anna Clack / Sue Smith to meet to discuss inclusion in the School Nursing contract. 	RFB / AC
	Adults o Fast tracking into services o All families to have same access to support, currently only families of a patient in receipt of support like access to services and written information.	
	RDaSH have produced a leaflet and are happy for it to be badged by other agencies and given appropriately to front line services for them to share with families. RFB / SG to meet to discuss – possibly to look at a children's version and links with CAMHS / LD.	RFB / SG/ RB
	To be brought to the December meeting.	JF KW
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	KW advised of the recently set up Bereavement Services Forum - Bereavement Centre TRFT and offered to include at their next meeting.	
	Post Meeting Note ; RFB met with PH after the meeting to discuss Police recording the presence of children in the household when a suicide occurs and children of the deceased who may live at another address.	
7.	Action Plan	
	RFB advised that some agencies need to populate the action plan – RFB to meet with individual organisations.	RFB
	Action plan to be sent out to colleagues for final updates.	JF
	Final version to be brought to the December meeting.	JF
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8.	 Self Harm Pathway RFB advised that the Self Harm PathwayTask and Finish group have now had a first meeting which was well represented she went on to say that the group looked at best practice in other areas which will led to discussions around staff training etc. Further to discussion the group agreed the following; Age range should be 9 – 25 to take into account looked after children and children with a disability. The need to be sensitive around presentation re self-harm and links with 	
	safeguarding.	
	Level of question – training required	
	Risk assessment / what to ask and look for	
	Clear expectations / thresholds for frontline workers	
9.	Any other business	
	KD reported that at the PHSE leads meeting in the summer she would like to do something on positive well-being.	
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	Date and Time of Next Meeting	
	Thursday 5 th December 2013	
	10.30 – 12.30	
	Meeting Room 21, Floor 2, Wing C	
	Riverside House	
	Glossary of Abbreviations	
	PH Public Health	
	RCCG Rotherham Clinical Commissioning Group	
	RDaSH Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust	
	RMBC Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council	
	TRFT Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust	
	SYP South Yorkshire Police	
	C&YPS Children & Young People's Services	
	CAMHS Children & Young People's Mental Health Services	
	IYSS Integrated Youth Support Services	