

<b>Subject:</b>	Task and Finish Group – Suicide in Rossendale: Update on Recommendations	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to:</b>	Overview & Scrutiny Committee	<b>Date:</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
<b>Report of:</b>	HR Manager	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Corporate Services/ Communities and Customers
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exception</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Urgency</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That the update is noted.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To inform members of the work carried out to implement the recommendations agreed by the Rossendale Suicide and Drug Related Deaths Logic Model Action Plan Task and Finish Group.

## 3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020, members noted the work carried out by the Task and Finish Group and also noted the 12 recommendations that had arisen out of the group's work.

3.2 The Task and Finish Group is now completed. However, the council, led by the Communities Team and HR Team, has continued to implement the recommendations. A detailed analysis of the work carried out to achieve the recommendations is attached at Appendix 1. It should be noted that the Covid-19 pandemic did have some impact on the ability of the staff to fully implement these recommendations, due to redeployment to the Rossendale Connected Hub.

3.3 The matters discussed in this report and appendix impacts directly on the following corporate priority:-

- A proud, healthy and vibrant Rossendale.

## 4. RISK

4.1 All the issues raised and the recommendation(s) in this report involve risk considerations as set out below:

- There is a risk that suicide will continue to be a significant issue with Rossendale.

## 5. FINANCE

5.1 Work was carried out within existing budgets and free training utilised.

## 6. LEGAL

6.1 Legal implications are covered in the body of the report.

**7. POLICY AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 Free-of-charge training has been utilised. Some delays are to be expected following the Covid-19 pandemic and it is hoped that this free training provision will be extended. This report was presented to Management Team on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2020 for information.

**8. CONCLUSION**

8.1 Since the completion of the Task and Finish Group, the council has continued to work to implement the recommendations and raise awareness of suicide and mental health. Data obtained from Public Health England states that Rossendale experienced 18 suspected suicides from April 2019, making it the 6th highest district in Lancashire and South Cumbria. There have been none since April 2020 so far (as at 12th May 2020).

Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection
Recommendations Update	Appendix 1

**Recommendations Update:  
Rossendale Suicide and Drug Related Deaths Logic Model Action Plan Task and Finish Group**

**RAG Status**

<b>Incomplete</b>
<b>Ongoing</b>
<b>Complete</b>
<b>Unknown</b>

<b>Task and Finish Group</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Responsible Officer/Team</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>RAG Rating</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 1: The council signs up to a 'Time to Change' and promotes the '6507' project.	Clare Law/HR		Completed	
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 2: Offer and encourage the appropriate training through Healthier Lancashire and South Cumbria (HLSC) and LCC and other suitable providers to all staff and partners in line with the developing training matrix.	Clare Law/HR	This is ongoing and is being rolled out across staff and members in a variety of formats – online and training sessions.	Completed	Member training session held 11/02/20. Officer training completed online.
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 3: That the PPU unit adds suicide awareness training to its training for taxi drivers and how this can be promoted in licensed premises and work with landlords.	Phil Morton/ PPU		Ongoing	External training provider can add this to the training, however this has been delayed by the CV-19 pandemic.
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 4: That the Council's Health Champion liaises with the Samaritans.	Councillor Brennan		Ongoing	Continues to liaise.

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Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 5: The council's facilities are made available to partners and organisations to host training and awareness events.	HR	Dates the chamber is free January to March have been given to the trainer.	Ongoing	Sessions postponed due to CV-19 pandemic.
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 6: The Zero Suicide Alliance training will be raised with business leaders.	Cath Burns	Done	Completed	
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 7: The Samaritans' 116 123 number will be promoted	HR & Communications Team	Number printed on 'emergency cards'.	Completed	
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 8: The appropriate use of language around suicide will be promoted.	HR & Communications Team	Officers will continue to use the correct language.	Ongoing	Completed but to be adhered to going forward.
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 9: The issue will be raised on agendas at Community partnership meetings.	Communities Team	Officers will raise issues on agendas where appropriate.	Completed	Meetings have be postponed due to CV-19 pandemic.
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 10: That a member of council staff continues to attend the Suicide Prevention and Self Harm Reduction Strategy Group.	Communities Team	Officer has made contact and will attend meetings.	Completed	
Suicide in Rossendale	Rec 11: That awareness raising through digital means and social media is undertaken.	HR & Communications Team	Use of social media to raise awareness has taken place.	Completed	Completed but the council will engage with official campaigns going forward.
Suicide in	Rec 12: That the council	Communities	Officer to liaise with LCC	Completed	Ongoing feedback

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Rossendale	feeds back actions taken to the LCC Public Health so that these actions may be measured.	Team	Public Health going forward.		and liaison.