

## Health Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 12 December 2017

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

### Suicide Prevention in Lancashire

(Appendices A, B and C refer)

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#### Executive Summary

The Health Scrutiny Committee will receive a presentation on Suicide Prevention in Lancashire. A copy of the presentation is set out at appendix A.

#### Recommendation

The Health Scrutiny Committee is asked to formulate recommendations in relation to:

1. Ensuring effective implementation of the action plan; and
2. The four points as identified by the Health Scrutiny Steering Group and any other aspect from the presentation.

#### Background and Advice

On 4 April 2017, the Chair of the House of Commons Health Committee, Dr Sarah Wollaston MP, wrote to all Chairs of Health Scrutiny Committees to recommend that all Health Overview and Scrutiny Committees be involved in ensuring effective implementation of local authorities' suicide prevention plans and that this should be established as a key role of these committees. A copy of the letter is set out at appendix B to this report.

Chris Lee, Public Health Specialist (Behaviour Change), will be in attendance at the meeting to present an overview of the key work that has been undertaken to date. The Health Scrutiny Steering Group at its meeting on 15 November 2017, received an insight on the key work undertaken and identified the following four points for consideration by this Committee:

1. Data;
2. Drug related deaths;
3. Dual diagnosis; and
4. Wider determinants (for males such as divorce, debt, redundancy, loneliness).

The Cabinet at its meeting on 7 December 2017, will receive a report on Suicide Prevention in Lancashire, where it will be recommended to note the publication of the Suicide Audit Report, endorse the Lancashire County Council Suicide Draft Prevention Strategy and approve the County Council's Action Plan. The report and its appendices is [available on the County Council's website](#). The Action Plan has been adopted by the STP Suicide Prevention Oversight Group and is set out at appendix C to this report.

### **Consultations**

N/A

### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

### **Risk management**

This report has no significant risk implications.

### **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A