

## **Terms of Reference**

### **Suicide Contagion Response Group**

#### **1. Name of Group:**

Multiagency Suicide Response Group

#### **2. Background and Purpose**

The role of the Group is to coordinate actions focused on preventing mental distress, and preventing further deaths by suicide 'contagion'. Actions will be informed by the best available evidence, lessons learnt, enhanced surveillance and stakeholder views.

#### **3. Aims:**

- To agree and coordinate a multi-agency response for the prevention of suicide contagion and improved resilience in at risk populations.
- To identify, and ensure targeted support is available for communities and populations most likely to be impacted by the recent death.
- To ensure effective agency communication and the adoption of best practice with regard to post suicide intervention and support.

#### **4. Membership:**

- BMBC: Children's Services, Early Help, Public Health, Safeguarding, 0-19 PHNS and Educational Psychology
- NHS Clinical Commissioning Group: Designated Nurse
- Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust – Safeguarding Team
- South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust – CAMHS and Safeguarding Team
- South Yorkshire Police
- School(s): Head teacher(s), Deputy head teacher(s) and Safeguarding Lead.
- Communication department relevant agencies.
- Representatives from the third sector and other agencies as appropriate.

#### **5. Chair and Co-chair**

Chair: Head of Public Health (Health Improvement)

Deputy Chair: Head of Public Health (Children and Young People).

#### **6. Confidentiality and Information Governance**

All agencies abide by their existing information governance structures that are already in place. Whilst it is important that multiple agencies work together and share essential information, it is also crucial that confidentiality and data protection is considered. Any sensitive information (e.g. vulnerable individuals list) should be shared by email securely. Information captured within the meetings must only be shared with members of the Group or other agencies/professionals by agreement of the meeting.

## **7. Administrative Support**

Minutes of the meetings and the circles of vulnerability mapping will be circulated to all members of the group and to the Barnsley Safeguarding Children Board, after each meeting. Admin support to do so will be made available.

## **8. Frequency of Meetings**

The group is time-limited and will meet as and when necessary until step down has been agreed by group/chair.

## **9. Other Responsibilities**

Members of the Group are required to feedback action and issues to their respective organisations. All organisations are expected to contribute towards learning lessons and reflection on the process once the response has closed down.