





Community and Mental Health Services

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***Please visit https://www.evidentlybetter.org/bulletins/suicide-prevention/
to view our webpage featuring key links and emerging reports about suicide prevention.***

Free Training

New suicide awareness training for university students

Free suicide awareness training for students has been launched by the Zero Suicide Alliance (ZSA) as they try to address the concerning rates of suicide among young people. The new edition of the ZSA's suicide awareness training aims to support the UK's 2.4 million students to have potentially life-saving conversations after 2,382 young people took their own lives (aged between 15 and 24) in England, Scotland and Wales between 2018 and 2020.

Guidance

Suicide Prevention Fund 2021 to 2022: application guidance (updated)

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has made available a £4 million Suicide Prevention Fund to support voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations that work to prevent suicide. This includes supporting the sector's ability to continue to meet increased demands or needs for their services as a result of COVID-19.

News

<u>Samaritans launches first university volunteering hub with Anglia Ruskin</u> University

Samaritans is joining forces with ARU to pilot a new on-campus duty room – the first of its kind in the UK - where fully trained students and staff will deliver digital-only support to anyone struggling to cope.

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