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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ06980**

Thank you for your request for information relating to suicide .

You have requested the following information:

**1a. Does your council have a multi-agency suicide prevention partnership in place? Please answer either Yes or No.**

Yes.

**1b. Please give details as to the partnership(s) in place?**

The partnership is chaired by the CEO of Coventry and Warwickshire Mind. It is a multi-disciplinary group that meets quarterly. Last year the Coventry and Warwickshire groups agreed to meet bi-annually. The latest update from the Coventry group is publicly available at:

<https://internaldemocraticservices.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s46123/Coventry%20Suicide%20Prevention%20Strategy%202020-21%20Forward%20Plan.pdf>

**2a. Who has the council identified as being at-risk of suicide in your area? Please be specific in your answer by providing details such as gender, age, ethnicity and socio-economic status etc.**

Following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Public Health England website, please use the following link:

<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile-group/mental-health/profile/suicide/data#page/0/gid/1938132828/pat/6/par/E12000005/ati/102/are/E08000026>.

Around 70% of the deaths in Coventry are male between the ages of 35 and 64, this is our priority target group.

These statistics are compiled using information supplied when a death is registered and information such as ethnicity, sexual orientation and reasoning behind the suicide is not routinely recorded and so the data cannot be broken down by these factors.

## **2b. How does your Suicide Prevention Plan target the above group(s)?**

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## **3a. What data do you collect on attempted suicides in your area?**

This data is not collected.

## **3b. Is this data shared? Please answer either Yes or No.**

## **3c. Which organisations is this data shared with? Please list them.**

For Questions 3b to 3c, these are not applicable.

## **4a. How is the Council supporting those people bereaved, or affected by, a suspected suicide?**

Initial advice and information, such as the Help is at Hand booklet, is available. British Transport Police provide this to families where a death occurs on the rail network. Bereavement support is also available via the voluntary sector; Survivors of Suicide Bereavement (SOBS).

In 2019, the Council commissioned research and consultation to scope postvention provision and gain feedback from those with lived experience of bereavement by suicide. This has identified the type of support offer that would meet local demand. We intend to develop these areas of work further, identifying how and where the pathway and service offer can be embedded over the next two years.

This will be resourced by national funding from NHS England as this is rolled out across the Country.

**4b. How is the Council supporting women, aged 10 and above?**

There is no specific suicide prevention programme for women aged 10 and above, however, the details of services that support young people with their mental health in Coventry are available publicly:

<https://cid.coventry.gov.uk/kb5/coventry/directory/results.page?qt=childrens+mental+health&term=&familychannel=0&sorttype=relevance>

PAPYRUS prevention of young suicide also operates in Coventry. Adult support services include:

<https://cid.coventry.gov.uk/kb5/coventry/directory/results.page?qt=mental+health&term=&adultchannel=0&sorttype=relevance>

**5a. Has the Council identified high-frequency suicide locations? Please answer either Yes or No.**

Yes.

**5b. What steps have been considered or taken to reduce the risk of suicide at such locations?**

Coventry City Council is part of escalation plan arrangements with other bodies.

**6a. How much money has been allocated to suicide prevention each financial year, since the launch of your Suicide Prevention Plan, until 2018/19?**

**6b. How much money of said budget has been spent and unspent in each financial year?**

**6c. How much money of said budget has been spent and unspent in each financial year to support the at-risk group(s) identified in Q2a?**

**6d. Please can you provide a full breakdown of how you spent suicide prevention funds in each financial year?**

The Coventry Suicide Prevention Strategy was launched in November 2016.  
Expenditure on Suicide Prevention:

2016/17:

£7,600 – Contribution to “It takes balls to talk” Suicide Prevention Campaign  
£2,600 – Mental Health First Aid and Mental Health First Aid Lite Training  
£800 – Suicide Prevention Network Workshops

2017/18 & 2018/19:

The Coventry and Warwickshire Health and Care Partnership was awarded NHS England funding in 2018 for 2 years due to the higher than national average rates of suicide in Warwickshire. Coventry and Rugby CCG are the budget holder. Summary report on the programme available publicly at:

<https://www.coventryrugbyccg.nhs.uk/mf.ashx?ID=899bef7e-8612-4c1d-a6c0-ac548ca690fc>

Please note that we unable to quantify the officer time and partner contributions (NHS, Police) to the Suicide Prevention agenda over this time.

**7a. How much money has your council allocated to mental health generally in each financial year, since the launch of your Suicide Prevention Plan, until 2018/19?**

**7b. How much money of said budget has been spent and unspent in each financial year?**

For Questions 7a and 7b, please see the table below.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Spend</b>
2016/17	£754,194	£680,936
2017/18	£1,689,854	£1,657,458
2018/19	£1,732,854	£1,701,452

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Yours sincerely

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