


Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/087

Subject: Support for children who are suicidal - GPs

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold some of the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I should like to request the following information about the support provided by General Practitioners to people under the age of 18 who are experiencing mental health problems, emotional distress, or suicidal thoughts/feeling in Bristol, which falls within the geographical remit of your organisation. I would like to know this information to understand better the support that is available to people aged under 18 who are experiencing emotional distress and/or at risk of suicide.</p>	
<p>Specifically, I would like to know:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Number of people under 18 that have received support for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. mental health problems ii. emotional distress, and/or iii. suicidal thoughts/feelings from a GP in the most recent reporting period (quarter or year) 	<p>Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board (BNSSG ICB) does not hold this information.</p> <p>Please see link below to the Mental Health Services monthly statistics provided by NHS Digital:</p> <p>https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/data-tools-and-services/data-services/mental-health-data-hub/dashboards/mental-health-services-monthly-statistics</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Current waiting time to see a GP 	<p>Waiting times to see a GP are dependent on the presenting problem. Practices have triage and care navigation processes in place in order to determine need in terms of same day or routine activity, along with which member of staff is best placed to see, talk or communicate to a patient.</p>

	<p>The following link provides national data on time between booking and appointment: https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiaMTQ4NjZjYjMtM2VlZS00NWZlZjYmOWEtYzE1MDQ0NDZiZjQ4IiwidCI6IjUwZjYwNzFmLWJiZmUtNDAxYS04ODAzLTU3Mzc0OGU2MjllMmIiImMiOjh9</p>
<p>3. Organisations that GPs regularly refer under 18's to</p>	<p>Children's mental health is delivered through the i-thrive model. Initial sign posting is within schools (Mental Health Support Teams in schools and Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) colleagues based in schools).</p>
<p>4. Organisations that GPs regularly signpost under 18's to</p>	<p>BNSSG Mental Health Resources for Children and Young People can be found here: https://remedy.bnssgccg.nhs.uk/children-young-people/mental-health/mental-health-resources-for-children-and-young-people/</p> <p>GPs refer to Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership Trust (AWP) and serious concerns are referred to CAMHS. Patients can self-refer to Off the Record and Kooth.Com, AWP's two voluntary sub-contractors. Some PCNs also have access to children and young people's social prescribers for lower acuity mental health problems.</p>
<p>5. How many GPs have a specialist remit covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. mental health, ii. suicide prevention, and/or iii. support for people under 18 who are experiencing suicidal thoughts/behaviours 	<p>All GPs look after the physical and mental health of their patients, the ICB does not hold information on GPs with a specialist remit.</p>

<p>6. Any structured educational or awareness raising activities that GPs undertake with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. people under the age of 18 in relation to mental health or emotional/psychological wellbeing ii. professionals who have contact with people under the age of 18 	<p>Children’s mental health is delivered through the i-thrive model.</p>  <p>Primary care clinicians have access to education programmes within BNSSG such as Avon GP Education run by the Avon Local Medical Committee, or the education days put on by the Training Hub which may have this as a topic. Individual practices/Primary Care Networks can arrange for their own education sessions. However, we do not hold details for anything attended.</p>
<p>7. Any structure suicide prevention work that GPs undertake with people under the age of 18</p>	<p>BNSSG ICB does not hold this information. The requester would need to contact the practices directly.</p>
<p>8. For each GP in Bristol, I would also like to request a copy of their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguarding policy • Confidentiality policy • Policy statement in relation to capacity, decision making and choice 	<p>Each GP Practice is an individual organisation and will have produced their own policies within national guidelines, appropriate legislation and the requirements of registration as set out by the Care Quality Commission. Each GP Practice must also have a Safeguarding lead GP who will monitor safeguarding concerns and ensure compliance with policies and guidelines, such as safeguarding, confidentiality and patient assessment. All GP’s can</p>



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	access training from the ICB and other organisations and each clinician will also have access to advice and guidance from their indemnifier as well.
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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 31 October 2022 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Director of Primary and Integrated Care for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.