

Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/162

Subject: Suicide Prevention Training

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
Please provide recorded information held by the Integrated Care Board including recorded information inherited from predecessor Clinical Commissioning Groups where held covering the period 1 January 2018 to the date of this request. This request concerns suicide prevention training commissioned, funded, endorsed or otherwise overseen by the Integrated Care Board, whether delivered internally or by external providers. Please provide:	
1. Copies of any evaluations, reviews or assessment reports relating to the effectiveness of suicide prevention training.	For this FOI request, the ICB has investigated all suicide prevention work in the time period stated (2018 – 2026). We have found that the BNSSG CCG/ICB has not commissioned, audited, measured, evaluated or funded any specific suicide prevention training. Bristol City Council Public Health has led on the Suicide Prevention Strategy (and associated work) and the CCG/ICB has been involved as a partner in this work. The ICB has commissioned services that directly provide suicide prevention support to key high-risk groups (e.g. the Hope Project for men aged 30-64), suicide bereavement counselling, the South West crisis text service and other more general mental health crisis interventions. These commissioned services are required to provide up-to-date models of suicide prevention training for their own staff, but

	such training is included to enable the service to work effectively, it does not mean that these services deliver training. Our contract management processes monitor service performance, however we would not evaluate the effectiveness of any suicide prevention training specifically bought in by the provider. Staying Safe from Suicide guidance 2025 With NHSE's release of the Staying Safe from Suicide guidance in January 2025, the ICB has been given an oversight role in relation to its implementation. Records show that the Staying Safe from Suicide e-learning was circulated internally on 24 September 2025 and more widely to providers and system partners in October 2025, with uptake encouraged and feedback requested. Provider assurance has been obtained from AWP and Vita Health Group (our largest providers) through the quarterly reporting route. For VCSE services, assurance is obtained through contract management and provider reporting arrangements, with an April 2026 action to complete a VCSE stocktake and consider whether any gaps in implementation should be addressed through quality schedules or contractual routes. These records support assurance on implementation, uptake, contract monitoring and wider prevention strategy delivery, but do not constitute an effectiveness metric or outcome measure assessing the impact of the training, and the ICB has not identified formal evaluations, audits or outcome reports assessing the effectiveness or value for money of suicide prevention training.
2. Details of any audits undertaken to assess whether suicide prevention training resulted in changes to clinical practice or service delivery.	As described in question 1, the ICB has not commissioned, audited, measured, evaluated or funded suicide prevention training.

3. Details of any outcome measures, performance indicators or other metrics used to assess the effectiveness of suicide prevention training.	As described in question 1, the ICB has not commissioned, audited, measured, evaluated or funded suicide prevention training.
4. Copies of any reports, papers, presentations or minutes submitted to the Board or any governance committee (including but not limited to Quality Committees, Patient Safety Committees, Clinical Governance Committees or Mental Health Programme Boards) concerning: a) evaluation of suicide prevention training b) outcomes following implementation c) effectiveness of commissioned training d) recommendations arising from evaluation	BNSSG Suicide Prevention Report: [ARCHIVED CONTENT] Governing Body Paper 3 April 2018: Item 7.3 Bristol Suicide Prevention Strategy: South Gloucestershire Suicide Prevention Action Plan North Somerset Suicide Prevention Action Plan AWP Suicide Prevention Strategy These were shared at the open Governing Body Meeting held in April 2018. Minutes of this meeting can be found here: [ARCHIVED CONTENT] Governing Body Paper 3 April 2018: Item 3
5. Copies of any commissioning specifications, contracts or service requirements requiring providers of suicide prevention training to undertake evaluation, audit or outcome reporting.	As described in question 1, the ICB has not commissioned, audited, measured, evaluated or funded suicide prevention training.
6. If no evaluations, audits or outcome reports are held, please provide any recorded information describing how the Integrated Care Board obtains assurance that suicide prevention training it commissions, funds or oversees is effective and represents an appropriate use of public resources.	As described in question 1, the ICB has not commissioned, audited, measured, evaluated or funded suicide prevention training.

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 13 August 2026 and has been approved for release by Caroline Dawe, Deputy Director of Performance and Delivery, Acute and Integrated Care, MHLDA and EPRR for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.