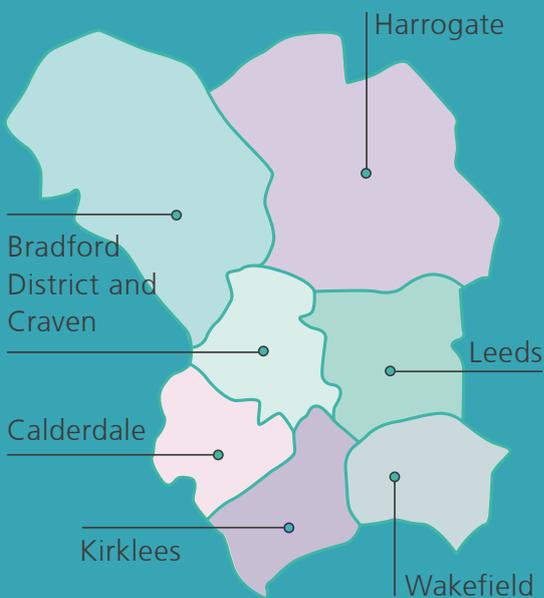


Telling our Partnership story



Proud to be the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

Committed to improving the health and wellbeing of people living in:



- > Working to improve people's health with and for them
- > Improving people's experience of healthcare
- > Making every penny in the pound count
- > Working to keep people well and make life better for 2.6 million people living in West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership



Preventing those most at risk of suicide

Our ambition

Suicide is a significant and long-standing public health issue across West Yorkshire and Harrogate - with the wider Yorkshire and Humber region having some of the highest suicide rates in England.

The biggest killer of males under 50, mental health issues and financial problems are some of the biggest contributing factors of suicide in our region.

What we are doing

We have received £114,000 funding from NHS England/NHS Improvement to support our Suicide Prevention Strategy, which launched in 2017. The Partnership has a vision that all suicides are preventable and is adopting an approach to ensure fewer people die by suicide.

The additional funding will allow support workers with lived experience to provide advice, training and support for up to 600 men in the area. The Partnership will draw on its voluntary organisations like State of Mind and Luke's Lads to help.



What next?

These new 'pathfinder workers' will focus on all men, but will have a specific emphasis on those aged 35-50 years. Innovative ways of engaging men will be developed in partnerships with leisure, sporting and community organisations, like football, rugby and boxing clubs.

This will help to make links between men vulnerable to suicide and self-harm a cohort of people who are at higher risk, yet traditionally do not approach services such as NHS mental health provision. The approach will also help services develop and share resources.

This proactive approach will deliver support for men in groups and on an individual basis.

Support may also come in various forms, including the development of coping mechanisms, managing setbacks and dealing with family challenges. A clearer way into more formal services delivered by the NHS and social care will also be available.

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