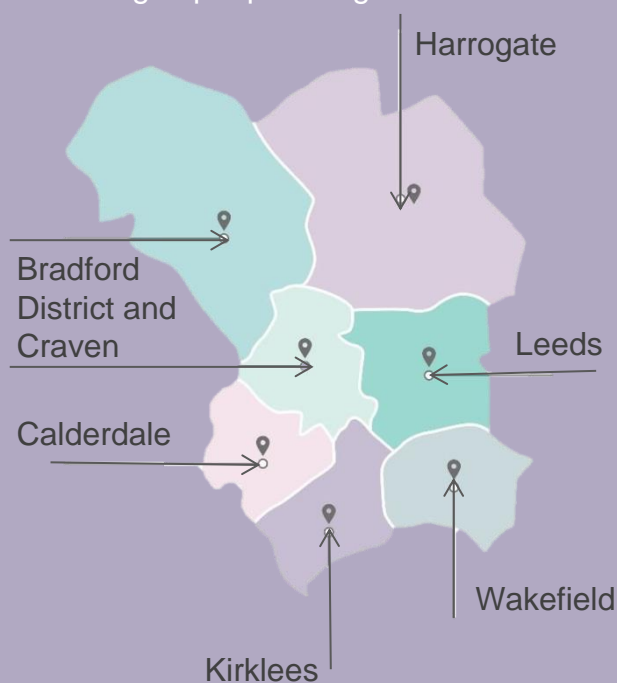


Telling our Partnership story



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



£1.5million funding boost for the Partnership's suicide prevention work

Our ambition

The West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership (WY&H HCP) has been working together to reduce suicide and the devastating impact on families, carers and friends across West Yorkshire and Harrogate since 2016/17.

We are working hard to mitigate risk factors throughout our communities and securing additional funding is crucial to helping us to do this.

WY&H HCP secured over £1.5 million pounds of funding from NHS England/NHS Improvement to reduce the numbers of suicide across the area over the next three years.

What we are doing

Over the next three years the funds will focus on two key areas:

- Prevention beyond secondary services, for example local prevention work targeting middle-aged men, self-harm and primary care support. This will include targeted support to particular groups and training within big local businesses which help create safer workplaces by them being alert to the potential warning signs of suicide. Alongside creating resources to raise awareness and teach self-help tips.
- Reducing suicide within acute hospitals and mental health services by improving how we address risk factors such as self-harm. We also aim to increase our understanding on people's experiences of self-harm to help further inform our work.

WY&H HCP will address these challenges in various ways and the majority of funding will be allocated to local community prevention in Bradford district and Craven; Calderdale, Harrogate, Kirklees, Leeds and Wakefield in partnership with public health colleagues.



What's next?

This funding will support a wide variety of suicide prevention work, including more training in suicide prevention, suicide alertness and self-harm.

Small grants schemes will be available for grassroots projects and specialist organisations that are best placed to help those most in need of support; including leading local awareness campaigns (e.g. in the workplace).

We will also work closely with the Police to develop a system called 'Real Time Surveillance', that will allow us to be informed as soon as possible following a suspected suicide. This means support can be offered to those affected immediately and helps us plan further suicide prevention work.

The Suicide Bereavement Service offers support to those who have lost someone to suicide in West Yorkshire. Details on the service and links to other support options can be found at: wyhsbs.org.uk

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