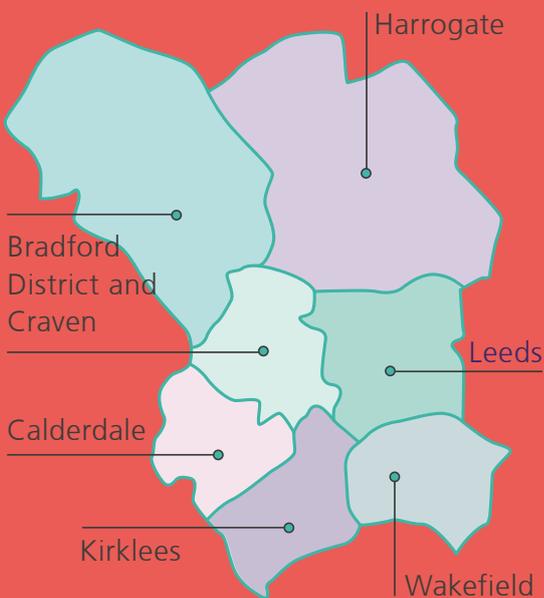


# Telling our Partnership story



## 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.



## Suicide bereavement support services

### Our ambition

Yorkshire and Humber has one of the highest suicide rates in the country and worryingly, people bereaved by suicide are more likely to suffer from severe depression or post-traumatic stress disorder, or even adopt suicidal behaviours themselves. We want to support more people's emotional well-being following suicide of a family member or friend.



## What we are doing

**A Leeds based postvention suicide bereavement support service is to be rolled out across West Yorkshire and Harrogate** to £173,000 from NHS England/NHS Improvement to enhance suicide bereavement support services across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

The new service will be an extension of the Leeds Suicide Bereavement Service, now in its fourth year; set up in 2015, led by Leeds Mind with support from Leeds Survivor Led Crisis Service and funded by Leeds City Council.

As an expansion of the Leeds service, additional workers with personal experience of bereavement by suicide will offer a variety of support, including individual and group peer support, advocacy and memorial events. Additional support will also be offered to staff who have lost those they have supported to suicide in the course of their duties; for example health, social care or emergency service staff.



## What next?

This new postvention service will allow people to self-refer, or to be referred by other people, such as funeral directors, the police, coroners, or NHS staff across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

The expanded service will help deliver on the NHS commitment in its Long Term Plan to put in place suicide bereavement support for families and staff in every area of the country.



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