



## **Policy and Resources Committee (Supplementary – For Information Agenda Pack)**

**Date:** THURSDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2023  
**Time:** 1.45 pm  
**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOMS, 2ND FLOOR, WEST WING, GUILDHALL

### **3. MINUTES**

- b) \* To note the public minutes of the Communication and Corporate Affairs Sub-Committee meeting held on 6 September 2023 (Pages 3 - 6)
- c) \* To note the public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting held on 7 September 2023 (Pages 7 - 10)
- d) \* To note the draft public minutes of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 October 2023 (Pages 11 - 14)

### **8. \* SUICIDE PREVENTION IN THE CITY OF LONDON ANNUAL UPDATE** Report of the Director of Public Health.

**For Information**  
(Pages 15 - 54)

### **12. NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

- b) \* To note the non public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting held on 7 September 2023 (Pages 55 - 60)
- c) \* To note the draft non-public minutes of the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 October 2023 (Pages 61 - 62)

### **18. \* CITY OF LONDON SUICIDE AUDIT** Report of the Director of Public Health.

**For Information**  
(Pages 63 - 102)

**Ian Thomas CBE**  
**Town Clerk and Chief Executive**

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## **COMMUNICATIONS & CORPORATE AFFAIRS (POLICY & RESOURCES) COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, 6 September 2023**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Communications & Corporate Affairs (Policy & Resources) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 2.00 pm**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Deputy Keith Bottomley (Chairman)	Jason Groves
Deputy Christopher Hayward (Deputy Chairman)	Deputy Madush Gupta
Emily Benn	Helen Fentimen
Alderman Prem Goyal	Deputy Charles Edward Lord
Deputy Shravan Joshi	
Catherine McGuinness	

#### **Officers:**

Emily Tofield	- Executive Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs
Kristy Sandino	- Corporate Communications and External Affairs
John Park	- Corporate Communications and External Affairs
Paul Wright	- Deputy Remembrancer
Philip Saunders	- Remembrancer's Department
Bruce Hunt	- Remembrancer's Department
Will Stark	- Remembrancer's Department
Polly Dunn	- Town Clerk's Department
Jennifer Beckermann	- Executive Director and Private Secretary to the Chairman of Policy & Resources Committee
Emily Slatter	- Office of the Policy Chairman

#### **Members observing online:**

Deputy Rehana Ameer  
Tijs Broeke

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Ruby Sayed and Caroline Haines. Alderman Michael Mainelli, Deputy Rehana Ameer and Tijs Broeke also issued apologies, but were observing the meeting online.

#### **2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES**

The Town Clerk confirmed that Jason Groves was omitted from the attendance list, in error.

**RESOLVED** – That the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 14 June 2023 be approved as a correct record subject to the addition of Jason Groves to the attendee list.

4. **OUTSTANDING ACTIONS**

Members received a report of the Town Clerk concerning outstanding actions of the Sub-Committee.

- 3/2022/P will be closed off later this year when the Sub-Committee received the next Party Conference Update report.
- 1/2023/P would be closed off as this had been actioned.
- 2/2023/P – the Environment Department was undertaking further exploratory work with the City Surveyor's ahead of an update to Resource Allocation Sub-Committee (which was now responsible for Operational Property). Until then the communications campaign was paused.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

5. **CORPORATE COMMUNICATIONS & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REPORT**

Members received a report of the Executive Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs regarding an update on the Department's work.

Members acknowledged there was a lot of work to do in this area to draw together the various facets of the City as a complex, historic, organisation, and expressed support for the new Executive Director in considering a new strategy.

It was felt that some areas of engagement had not yet been mastered (e.g. with the residential community) and that campaigns such as the City Belonging could be a good vehicle for improvement.

Whilst helpful to have a report that reflected actions taken, it was requested that future iterations have a more detailed 'forward look'.

The success of the Mansion House Compact was noted, and thanks given to all those involved in its development.

There was some concern expressed over the use of the Advertising Value Equivalent metric and consequently a question was raised over the right mechanism for the City Corporation to better evaluate the success of any Communications Strategy. It was speculated that this would likely require greater staffing resource, but that co-ordinating the pockets of communications teams/officers across the organisation and its institutions, may help.

The Sub-Committee requested to see a copy of the proposed work plan of the Executive Director, ahead of its next meeting.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

6. **PARLIAMENTARY TEAM UPDATE**

Members received an report of the Remembrancer regarding an update on the Parliamentary Team's activities.

The Remembrancer summarised briefly the material within the report, highlighting various areas of work relating to the Levelling Up Bill; revisions to the Housing Act; River Pollution; the Online Safety Bill; Parliamentary Boundaries and City of London (Markets) Bill.

There was concern expressed over a recent report of the Tony Blair Institute that proposed the disbandment of the National Lead Force model. The Remembrancer provided assurance to Members that the Parliamentary Team were working closely with the Chair of the City of London Police Authority Board, the Police Authority Team and the Force, along with the Communications and Corporate Affairs Team, in monitoring the situation.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

7. **FINANCIAL SERVICES AND MARKETS ACT 2023**

Members received a report of the Remembrancer regarding the Financial Services and Markets Act 2023.

The Remembrancer provided a brief summary of the changes to take effect and the City's broader engagement.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Chairman drew two pieces of work to Members' attention and sought their assistance in amplifying messaging through social media and any other appropriate platforms:

- Consultation and insight gathering exercise for new Corporate Plan; and
- The imminent launch of the "Vision for Economic Growth – a roadmap to prosperity" report.

10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions or urgent items to be considered whilst the public were excluded and so the meeting was concluded at this point, in public session.

**11. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There were no items of urgent business.

**The meeting closed at 3.18 pm**

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Chairman

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## CAPITAL BUILDINGS BOARD

Thursday, 7 September 2023

**Minutes of the meeting of the Capital Buildings Board held at the Guildhall EC2 at 9.30 am**

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Deputy Sir Michael Snyder (Chairman)	Alderman Timothy Hailes (Ex-Officio Member)
Oliver Sells KC (Deputy Chairman)	James Tumbridge
Deputy Randall Anderson	Alderman Sir David Wootton
Alderman Alison Gowman	
Alderwoman Susan Pearson	

#### **In attendance (Observing online)**

Deputy Henry Pollard  
Deputy Philip Woodhouse

#### **In attendance**

Alec Shaw, Museum of London (Item 8)

#### **Officers:**

Emma Moore	- Chief Operating Officer
Genine Whitehorn	- Chief Operating Officer's Department
Ben Milligan	- Chief Operating Officer's Department
John Cater	- Chief Operating Officer's Department
Matthew Miles	- Chief Operating Officer's Department
Ola Obadara	- City Surveyor's Department
Mark Lowman	- City Surveyor's Department
Tony Hourigan	- City Surveyor's Department
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Daniel Peattie	- Chamberlain's Department
Martin O'Regan	- City of London Police
Alistair Cook	- City of London Police
Neil Jenkins	- City of London Police

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Keith Bottomley, David Brooks Wilson, Chris Hayward, James Thomson, Henry Colthurst and Edward Lord.

#### **2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

#### **3. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on Wednesday, 5 July 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

4. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**  
There were no questions.

5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**  
The following additional item of business was considered.

**Barking Reach Group** - The Chairman put forward a proposal to expand the Membership of Barking Reach Group to include Madush Gupta as a Co-opted Member. Members were in agreement that Mr Gupta's expertise in this area and his addition as a Member would add value to the Barking Reach Group.

**RESOLVED:** That Members: -

- Approved the expansion of Barking Reach Group membership to include Madush Gupta as a Co-opted Member.

6. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED:** That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of Exempt Information, as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

## **Part 2 – Non-Public Agenda**

7. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the non-public minutes of the Capital Buildings Board meeting on Wednesday, 5 July 2023 be approved as an accurate record.

8. **MUSEUM OF LONDON RELOCATION**

a) **New Museum Project Update**

The Board received a joint report of the Director of New Museum Project & Estate and Chair of the New Museum Project Board providing an update on the new museum project.

b) **Museum of London Relocation Programme Update**

The Board received a report of the City Surveyor providing an update on the Museum of London relocation programme.

9. **MIDDLESEX STREET, CAR PARK, MIDDLESEX STREET, E1 7AD**

The Board considered a report of the City Surveyor relating to Middlesex Street, Car Park, Middlesex Street E1 7AD.

10. **SALISBURY SQUARE DEVELOPMENT - RIBA STAGE 5 UPDATE**

The Board considered a report of the City Surveyor relating to the Salisbury Square Development.

11. **MAJOR PROJECTS - HIGH LEVEL FORECASTS AND CASH FLOW**



The Board received a joint report of the Chamberlain and Chief Operating Officer relating to Major Projects high level forecasts and cashflow.

**12. NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was one additional item of business.

**Markets Co-Location Programme** – The Chairman provided an update in relation to the Markets Co-location Programme.

**Part 3 - Confidential Agenda**

**14. MARKETS CO-LOCATION PROGRAMME**

The Board considered a confidential report of the Chief Operating Officer relating to the Markets Co-location Programme.

**The meeting closed at time 10.20am**

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Chairman

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## RESOURCE ALLOCATION SUB (POLICY AND RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 5 October 2023

Minutes of the meeting of the Resource Allocation Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Thursday, 5 October 2023 at 9.00 am

### Present

#### Members:

Deputy Christopher Hayward (Chairman)	Caroline Haines
Deputy Henry Colthurst (Deputy Chairman)	Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli
Deputy Randall Anderson	Deputy Sir Michael Snyder
Jason Groves	Deputy James Thomson

### In Attendance

#### Officers:

Michael Cogher	- Comptroller and City Solicitor
Caroline Al-Beyerty	- Chamberlain
Sonia Virdee	- Chamberlain's Department
Gregory Moore	- Deputy Town Clerk
Polly Dunn	- Town Clerk's Department
Dionne Corradine	- Chief Strategy Officer
Emily Tofield	- Executive Director of Corporate Communications and External Affairs
Ian Hughes	- Environment Department
Peter Young	- City Surveyor's Department
Paul Friend	- City Surveyor's Department
John Galvin	- City Surveyor's Department
Jack Joslin	- City Bridge Foundation
Emily Slatter	- Office of the Policy Chairman

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Tijs Broeke, Tom Sleigh, Deputy Shравan Joshi, Catherine McGuinness and Ruby Sayed.

Both Tom Sleigh and Ruby Sayed observed the meeting virtually.

#### 2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations.

*In non-public session, Alderman Professor Michael Mainelli declared an interest in respect of item 12, as he held a tenancy in the affected area.*

3. **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**, that the public minutes and non-public summary of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 September 2023, be approved as an accurate record.

4. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY NEIGHBOURHOOD FUND - APPLICATIONS FOR APPROVAL**

Members considered a report of the Managing Director of City Bridge Foundation concerning the Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Fund – and various updates for Approval.

**RESOLVED**, that Members:

1. note the current position of the CILNF, the launch of the public consultation and the amendment to the timeline;
2. approve that the CILNF re-opens to large applications of between £50,000 to £500,000;
3. note the decision by the Planning and Transportation Committee to designate the Barbican and Golden Lane Neighbourhood Forum and Area; and
4. approve interim arrangements to consult with the above Forum on applications to the wider CILNF.

5. **\*CITY SURVEYOR'S BUSINESS PLAN 2023-28 QUARTER 1 2023/24 UPDATE**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor regarding the Departmental Business Plan for 2023-28 and an update on Quarter 1 (2023/24) activity.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

6. **\*THE CITY SURVEYOR'S CORPORATE AND DEPARTMENTAL RISK REGISTER**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor regarding the Corporate and Departmental Risk Register.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

7. **\*22/23 ENERGY & DECARBONISATION PERFORMANCE Q3 UPDATE FOR THE OPERATIONAL PORTFOLIO**

Members received a report of the City Surveyor regarding an update on the 2022/2023 energy and decarbonisation performance for Quarter 3, within the City's operational property portfolio.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**  
There was no other business.
10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**  
**RESOLVED**, That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.
11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**RESOLVED**, that the non-public minutes of the Sub-Committee meeting held on 5 September 2023, be approved as an accurate record.
12. **TFL AND REINSTATEMENT OF ARTHUR STREET SHAFT (BANK STATION CAPACITY UPGRADE PROJECT)**  
Members considered a joint report of the Executive Director of Environment and the City Surveyor concerning Transport for London and the reinstatement of Arthur Street Shaft following the Bank Station Capacity Upgrade Project.
13. **PROGRESS UPDATE ON NET ZERO BUILDING DESIGN STANDARDS**  
Members received a report of the City Surveyor regarding a progress update on Net Zero Building Design Standards.
14. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**  
There were no questions.
15. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**  
There was no other business.

**The meeting ended at 9.29 am**

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Chairman

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# Agenda Item 8

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Health and Wellbeing Board Policy and Resources Committee	22/09/2023 19/10/2023
<b>Subject:</b> Suicide prevention in the City of London Annual Update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b>	1,2,12
<b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>If so, how much?</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>What is the source of Funding?</b>	
<b>Has this Funding Source been agreed with the Chamberlain's Department?</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Sandra Husbands, Director of Public Health	<b>For Information</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Claire Giraud, Senior Public Health Practitioner	

## Summary

In 2017, the City of London Corporation established a multi-agency suicide prevention group, in accordance with best practice recommendations, and published a Suicide Prevention Action Plan containing numerous initiatives aimed at reducing the number of suicides in the Square Mile. This report provides an update on the suicide prevention action plan as well as on the number of attempted suicides and suicides occurring in the City of London.

Suicide figures for the City should be interpreted with caution, as they are extremely low – this means that any variations may not be statistically significant (i.e. the figures may be due to chance fluctuation); and additionally, recording practices have changed during the reporting period, which may impact upon the figures.

## Recommendations

Members of the Committee are asked to:

- Note the progress made on the Suicide Prevention Action Plan
- Note the most recent data for suicide in the City of London

## Main report

## Background

1. Suicide is the act of intentionally ending one's own life. It is often the end result following a complex range of risk factors, mental illness and significant negative life events; however suicide is preventable, rather than an inevitable event. In the UK, suicide is one of the most common causes of death in people under the age of 50, with 5,691 reported people dying in this way in 2019. It is estimated that each suicide further impacts between 6 and 60 people. Within the UK, suicide shows significant gender and social inequalities, and is associated with stigma for families affected by it.
2. Over the last 8 years, a number of key policies and reports have been published to improve suicide prevention nationally and locally. In the City, a local audit, suicide prevention action plan and multi-agency suicide prevention group was established in accordance with best practice recommendations.
3. Public Health England (PHE) recommended several priority action areas to include in local suicide prevention plans:
  - Reducing risk of suicide in men
  - Preventing and responding to self-harm
  - Mental health of children and young people
  - Treatment of depression in primary care
  - Acute mental health care
  - Reduce suicides at known 'high risk' locations
  - Reducing isolation
  - Bereavement support for those affected by suicide

## Overview for the City of London

4. Between 1st of September 2022 and 31st of August 2023, there have been 6 suicides, with a total of 162 attempted suicides.
5. Between 1st of September 2022 and 31st of August 2023, there had been a total of 150 incidents whereby the subject had contemplated suicide or had suicidal thoughts.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> We have yet to achieve consensus on the definitions of these terms, creating a challenge for interpreting these data. The City of London suicide prevention steering group have identified this as an issue and aim to achieve consistency in future.



# Emerging Trends throughout 2022

## Timing and Location

6. Data from the City of London refers to events occurring within its geographic area. The majority of incidents will therefore involve individuals resident elsewhere in London and the country.
7. Over 67% of the attempted suicides occurred during the night and the peak days were Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.
8. Bridges remain the most common location type for suicide attempts within the City, with 86% attempted suicides occurring on bridges. The second most common location was on the street (5%).
9. The qualitative analysis shows that 45% of individuals had a direct journey from their home address to the incident location, meaning it only required one mode of transport and one direct route.
10. The analysis also demonstrated that one of the individuals stated they worked in the City; however for 97% of individuals this was either not known or not recorded.

## Demographics at the end of 2022

11. Data from the City of London Police is provided in the table below, and covers the period subsequent to the previous City Suicide Prevention Annual Report in 2022. The data covers both completed and attempted suicides. Please note that the most recent data from the coroner was not available for this report.
12. **Age range:** Unlike in 2018, in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in 2022 there was a mixed aged range for attempts: five individuals aged under 18 (5%), 56% were aged 18 to 29 years of age, 19% in their 30s, 12% in their 40s, 7% in their 50s and one individual in their 60s (1%).  
  
Completions were also mixed in 2022 (between ages 27 and 45).
13. **Gender.** Males represented 60% of attempted suicides, females represented 39% and trans represented 1%.
14. **Home Address:** The majority of individuals travelled into the City from their home address where suicide was completed or attempted.

**Summary for Period 1 January 2021- 31 August 2023**

Month	Attempt			Contemplating			Complete suicide		
	2021	2022	2023 to date	2021	2022	2023 to date	2021	2022	2023 to date
Jan	< 5	8	12	< 5	9	11	< 5	0	0
Feb	< 5	7	18	7	7	15	0	0	0
Mar	16	7	13	< 5	14	14	0	0	< 5
Apr	9	6	8	9	5	12	< 5	0	< 5
May	11	8	13	9	10	12	0	0	0
Jun	17	13	19	19	16	9	< 5	0	< 5
Jul	17	13	16	15	11	18	0	0	< 5
Aug	12	18	14	9	16	15	0	0	< 5
Sept	10	15		15	13		< 5	< 5	< 5
Oct	13	15		6	7		< 5	0	
Nov	11	13		11	10		0	< 5	
Dec	11	6		12	14		0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>129</b>		<b>119</b>	<b>132</b>				<b>&lt; 10</b>

\*data up to September 2nd 2022

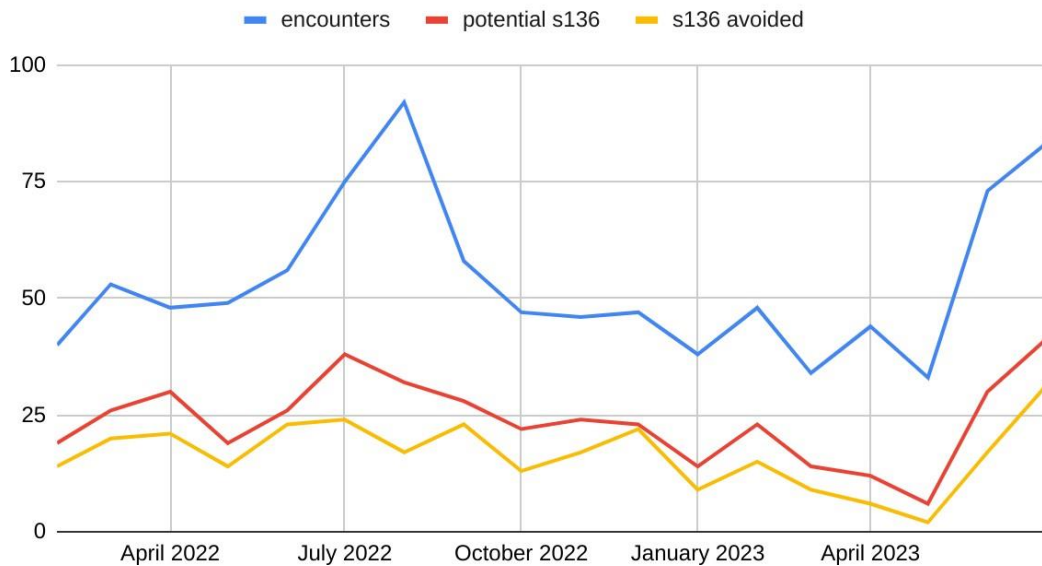
15. Increases in suicide rate are associated with periods of economic and political uncertainty.<sup>2</sup> This could explain why the City of London saw a corresponding rise in 2021 and again in 2023.

<sup>2</sup> De Bruin et al, 2019. *New insights on suicide: uncertainty and political conditions*. Applied Economic Letters. doi.org/10.1080/13504851.2019.1686453

# Mental Health Street Triage

- 16. The Mental Health Street Triage (MHST) was operating 7 days a week from 5pm to 3am since May 2018.
- 17. The number of daily operational hours expanded in response to a rise in incidents from July 2021 to October 2022.
- 18. In 2022, after the operating team reported lower activity levels during the expanded hours, new core hours for the service became 3pm to 3 am. This new model started on October 4th 2022.
- 19. MHST Activity levels February 2022 - July 2023:

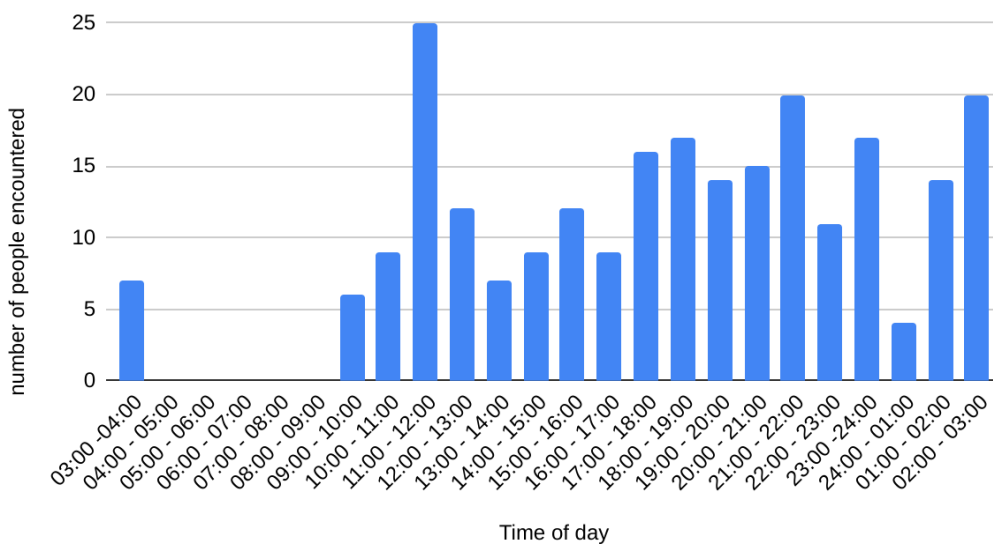
encounters , potential s136 and s136 avoided



The graph above shows activity levels over the past 18 months, with daily shift patterns changing from 18 to 12 hours per day in October 2022. In both 2022 and 2023, there is an increase in activity in the summer months.

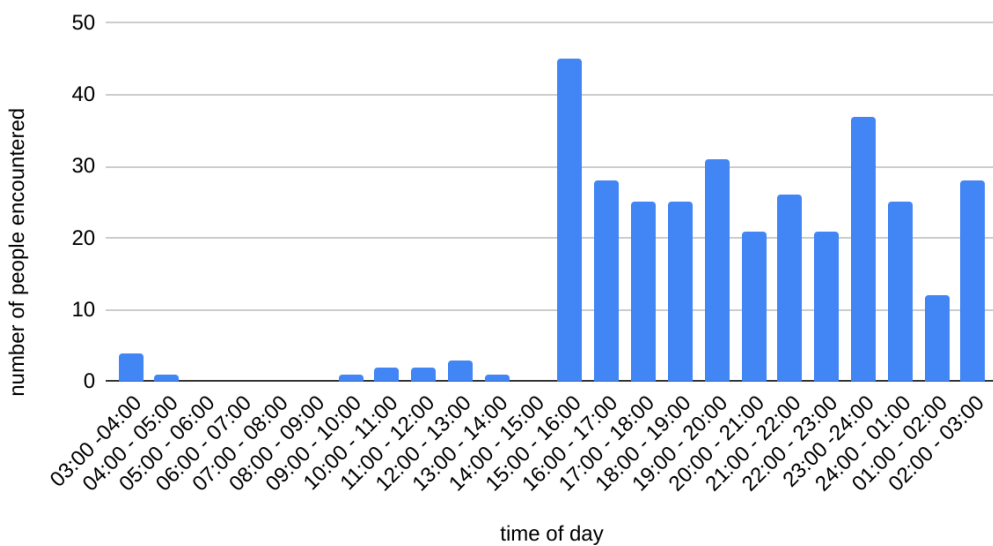
20. MHST activity level per hour July 2022 to 3 October 2022 (expanded hours)

MHST activity July 2022 to 3 October 2022



21. MHST activity level per hour October 2022 to June 2023 (12-hour model)

MHST activity 4 October 2022 - 30 June 2023



22. Overall the service has seen more activity since the 12 hour model was established, with the first hour of the shift recording over 40 incidents.

23. A key function of MHST is to avoid the use of s136. In total, MHST responded to 635 incidents that were potential incarcerations under section 136 from 1st of July 2022 to 30 June 2023. As a result, an estimated 65.4% of s136 detentions were avoided.

24. The proportion of s136s prevented by the service has varied but remained largely consistent over time:

- Feb 22 - Sep 22: 77.9%
- Oct 22 - Jul 23: 67.3%

Prior to this, since 2017 the service had varied between 65% and 76%.

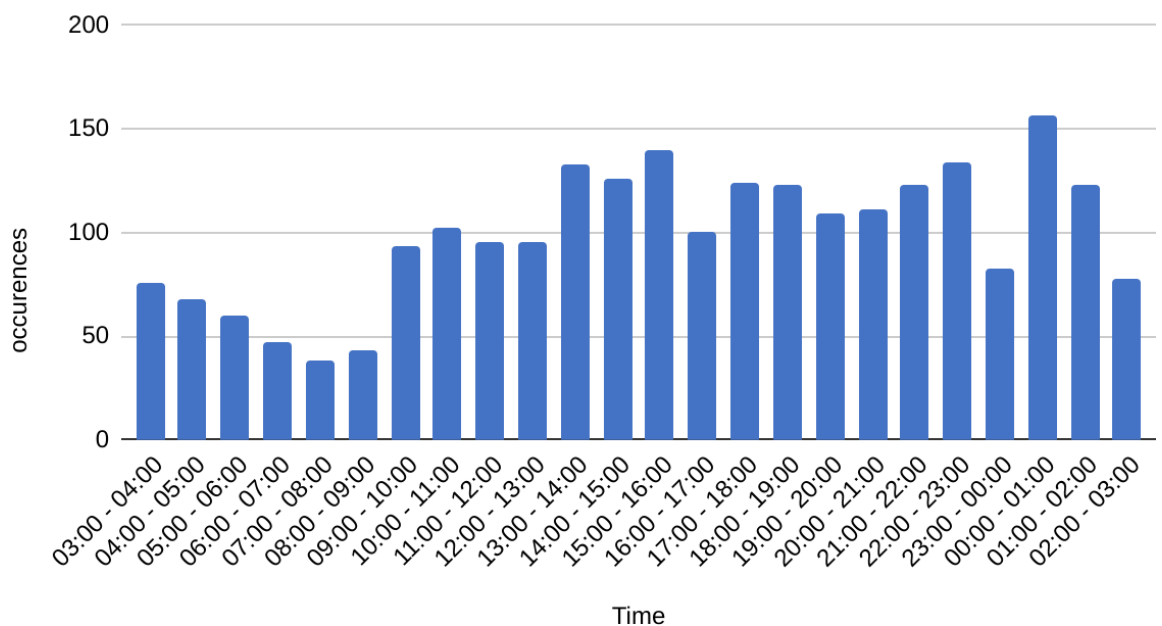
25. Discussions with the MHST team are ongoing to assess the effectiveness of the new 12-hour model in place since October 2022. Issues emerging include:

- Possible need for additional cover past 3am
- Challenges for staff scheduling due to incidents occurring at the end of the shift being more difficult to handover promptly

26. We have sought further data from City of London Police to determine whether any changes to the existing model would be appropriate, and we will liaise with NHS commissioners of the service if so.

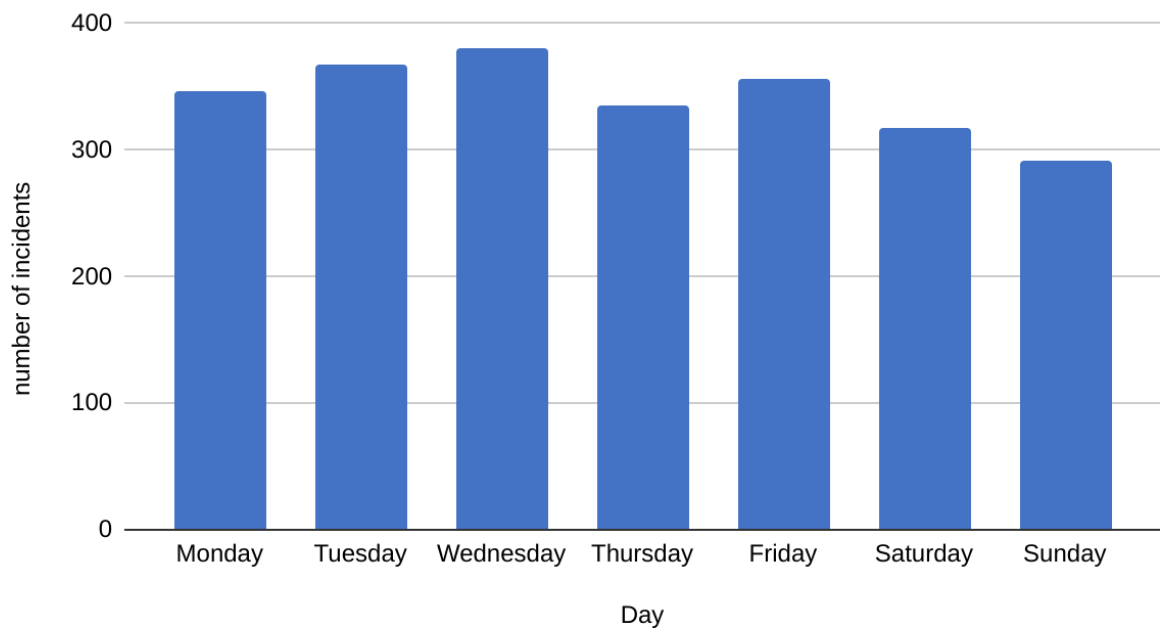
27. CoLp MH data April 2021 - July 2023

CoLp MH incidents per hour from April 2021 to July 2023



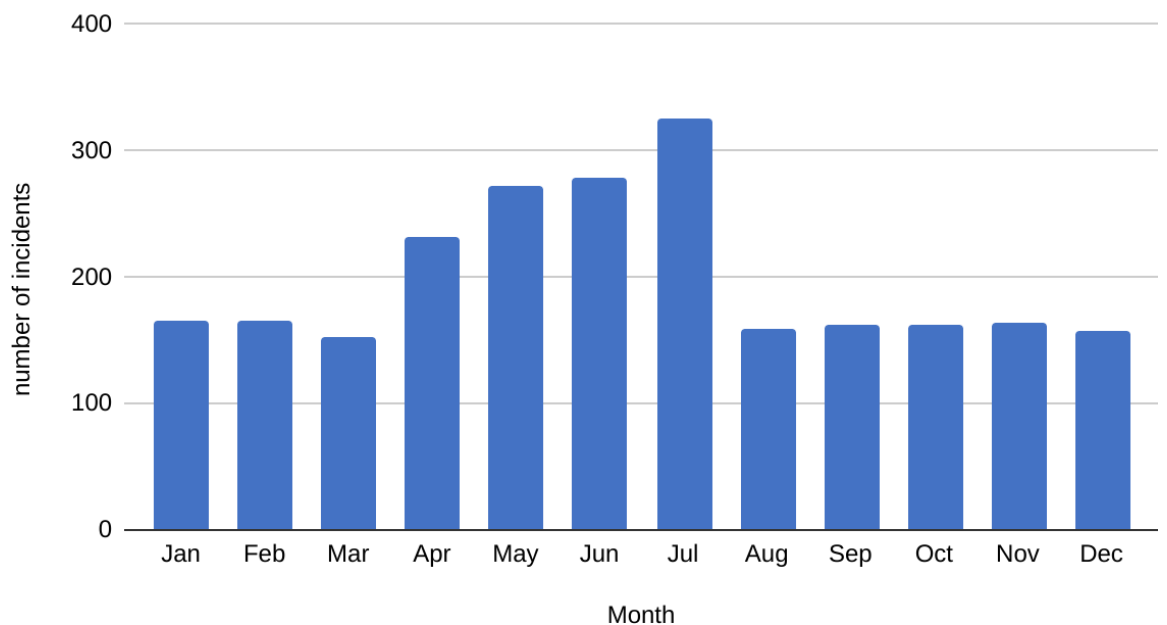
The above graph shows that activity levels peak from midnight to 1am and are at their lowest from 6am to 9am.

CoLp MH incidents per day from April 2021 to July 2023



The above graph shows that activity is fairly similar more days of the week with a slight decrease on Thursday and a more notable decrease on Sunday.

CoLp MH incidents per month April 2021 to July 2023



The above graph shows increased activity from April to July, activity levels are similar from August through to March.

# Action Plan Progress Summary

28. Overall, 65 actions have commenced since the launch of the action plan, of which 10 are completed, 55 are in progress.

29. 4 new actions have commenced since the last annual report to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

30. Some of the new actions added to the plan since the last annual update include:

- The events guidance note on risk associated to events on the subject of suicide.
- Adapting the upcoming national highways software on location risk assessment for tall buildings and urban structures.
- the production of an enhanced suicide prevention report.

31. Significant milestones include:

- Training in Suicide Awareness and Prevention of City workers through the Business Healthy network still sees high uptake, with 192 people trained in the last 4 years, an additional 2 sessions are planned for 2022-23 to empower even more City workers to be the eye and ears of the emergency services. Ad hoc training is also delivered to businesses who have had incidents.
- The Bridge Watch programme (volunteer patrols on the bridges) was finally successful in recruiting a programme lead, we are expecting mobilisation by the end of 2023.
- The Secure City Programme’s Vulnerable People workstream, which looks at technological solutions to improve situational awareness for emergency and support services on the City Bridges, continues to progress field trials within a wider, innovative IT programme. A key finding early in the workstream is that while there is a wide interest in this type of solution set, CoL is ahead of many other areas in conducting field trials.

### RAG Status Key and Summary

Status of Actions	
Major Problems	0
Minor Problems	7
In Progress/ongoing	47
Completed	10

32. The majority of actions are green, either underway or on track to deliver. One action that has progressed but with delay (thus is amber) is the secure city programme.

33. No actions have failed to progress as originally envisaged (aka Red rating)

## **Conclusion and Recommendations**

34. The past year has seen significant progress in the area of suicide prevention across the Corporation and its partners. Mental health street triage has implemented their recommended change in hours and we are currently assessing how well they are working.

35. The action plan has moved forward since its review, new actions have been added and many of the older actions are either complete or in progress.

## **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Suicide Prevention Action Plan for 2022–25

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## 2022-25 Suicide Prevention ACTION PLAN: DASHBOARD AND TABLE

Priority 1: Reduce the risk of suicide in key high risk groups		Priority 2: Tailor approaches to improve mental health in specific groups		Priority 3: Reduce access to the means of suicide		Priority 4: Those who are bereaved or affected by suicide to feel informed and supported throughout their experience		Priority 5 : Support the media in delivering sensitive approaches to suicide and suicidal behavior		Priority 6: Support research, data collection and monitoring	
12 Actions completed or ongoing	1 Amber	8 Actions completed or ongoing	0 Amber	12 Actions completed or ongoing	2 Amber	10 Actions completed or ongoing	1 Amber	7 Actions completed or ongoing	0 Amber	10 Actions completed or ongoing	1 Amber
<p><b>AMBER:</b> Approach taxi companies to train the drivers in spotting the signs of suicidal behaviour in their passengers and notifying the police</p>				<p><b>AMBER:</b> install and maintain cameras on City of London Bridges to allow fast identification of which Bridge a person is on if they call, with monitoring at high risk times.</p>		<p><b>AMBER:</b> contact funeral parlors in the city/used by city residents to ensure they are aware of bereavement services for those affected by suicide</p>				<p><b>AMBER:</b> Resolve issues with receiving feedback from hospitals regarding the outcome of the mental health assessments after S136. The City Police Suicide</p>	

		commission a feasibility study of physical measures on the bridges and make a decision based on findings			Profile of 2020 recommends that “an Information Sharing Agreement with the NHS should be established so that requests can be submitted to hospitals which request the outcome of assessment for any individual taken to hospital. This should be completed for every individual that attempts suicide; to ensure that all risk information is shared and appropriate safeguarding measures completed.”
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## PRIORITY 1 Reduce the risk of suicide in key high groups

**Objective:** To reduce the risk of suicide for young and middle aged men and women

Action:	Measure/outcome:	Lead partner	Comments:	RAG status
1.1.1 Promote the training of frontline staff in organisations including the City of London Police, the Metropolitan Police and staff who work near at risk locations in mental health first aid, suicide awareness, suicide intervention to help them engage men and women in conversations about - Wellbeing and mental health - Accessing appropriate information/self-help support - suicide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Number of frontline staff trained</li> <li>· Training material</li> <li>· Promotion of training</li> <li>· Examples where training has been used to good effect</li> </ul>	Public Health	training is promoted as soon as it is available to CoLp, Frontline staff (education, social care, etc), park guards etc	Ongoing
1.1.2 Promote and provide information, training and supporting resources to City employees through Business Healthy member organisations including	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Information relevant to suicide on the Business Healthy resource pages</li> <li>· Number of Business Healthy members</li> </ul>	Public Health Business Healthy	Business healthy runs quarterly training sessions that are always well attended and well received	Ongoing

Small to Medium Enterprises. for SMEs				
1.1.3 Train barbers in the City of London to talk to men about emotional health/the Release the Pressure campaign/five to thrive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Number of barbers who undertake training</li> <li>· Feedback from barbers on how this is perceived and used</li> <li>· Exposure of campaign</li> </ul>	Public Health	Half of the city barbers were trained in May 2019 and PH is recommissioned some training via the lion barbers collective to train more barbers in march 2023	Green
1.1.4 Provide suicide prevention training to primary care professionals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Number of practice nurses who have had mental health training</li> </ul>	North East London Clinical Commissioning Group	Tower Hamlet CEPN regularly offers training to primary care professionals and the NEL ICB provides an SP webinar to GPs, practice staff, healthcare assistants etc.	Ongoing
1.1.5 Approach security firms to train security guards in spotting suicidal behavior and having the confidence to intervene	number of security guards trained in suicide awareness	Public Health and Business healthy	Security professionals have been trained through the BH sessions + since February 2022 the worshipful company of security professionals has approached the SPSG members to see where joint working could be done	
1.1.6 Approach taxi companies to train the drivers in spotting the signs of suicidal behaviour in their passengers and notifying the police	number of drivers trained in suicide awareness	Public Health and TFL	working towards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- promoting the Zero Suicide Alliance 25 min free online training on the taxi drivers newsletter which goes out to 125,000 license holders</li> <li>- incorporating suicide prevention training into the</li> </ul>	Amber

			compulsory training for applicants to get a taxi license	
1.2 City of London Corporation commissioned services to promote suicide awareness campaign where appropriate	· Add 'Suicide awareness / prevention' component to Stress and the workplace section of drug and alcohol talks delivered to City businesses and refer TP service users to MH services as appropriate	Turning Point, prospects, young hackney	Partner organization staff have been trained in suicide awareness and are promoting suicide awareness campaigns	Ongoing
1.2.1 Promote 24/7 crisis hotlines with a marketing campaign targeting primarily resident and City worker males (using Kent's Release the Pressure campaign).	· Number of businesses which have achieved the London Healthy Workplace Charter	Public Health Business Healthy	Public Health and business healthy regularly promote hotlines and campaigns via various mediums	Ongoing
1.3 Support City of London businesses to achieve the London Healthy Workplace Charter award and also to comply with HSE Stress Management Standards and NICE Guidance		CoL Port health and public protection Business Healthy	We continue to promote the GLA's Good Work Standard, which is the main accreditation now. While it incorporates element of the Healthy Workplace Award and has a good focus on mental health but no specific reference to suicide prevention: <a href="https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/mayors_go">https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/mayors_go</a>	Ongoing

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1.4 continue implementing the Mental Health Street Triage service: Mental Health clinicians to accompany the City of London Police on callouts	· reduced incarceration rates under s136, reduced suicide incidents, systemic savings as per 2022 evaluation	East London Foundation Trust/North East London Clinical Commissioning Group City of London Police	After trialling an 18 hour a day model, the service now has new operating hours of 3pm to 3am, this facilitates recruitment of mental health clinicians and ensures that the period of high activities are covered	Ongoing
1.5 CoL, LBH and ELFT joint suicide audit	audit completed and shared with members of the steering group and stakeholders	East London Foundation Trust/ Public Health	The City and Hackney suicide audit is due by autumn 2023, other work has delayed this audit	Ongoing
1.6 Explore the possibility of a network of safe places in the City to take people in MH crisis	network with security staff present in 5+ locations nearby frequently used location	Public Health and City of London Police	Conversations around training and safeguarding are taking place, scoping for location has also started	Ongoing
1.7 Street Pastors to be positioned at high risk locations in the City at high risk times.	· Street Pastors regularly patrolling the City.	City of London Police	The street pastors patrol the City when they have capacity, we are hoping they will make themselves available to the bridgewatch patrols once they are	Ongoing

			mobilised	
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## PRIORITY 2 Tailor approaches to improve mental health in specific groups

**Objective:** Tailor approaches to improve the mental health of Children and young people and men in the City of London

Action:	Measure/outcome:	Lead partner	Comments:	RAG status
2.1 Provide training to increase knowledge of children and young people's emotional health, self-harm and suicide risk awareness amongst practitioners across a range of settings, in particular <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· school nurses</li> <li>· teachers</li> <li>· clinicians</li> <li>· Social Workers</li> <li>· police</li> <li>· probation staff</li> <li>· school staff</li> <li>· community workers.</li> </ul>	Number of practitioners to have been offered mental health first aid training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Number of practitioner to have taken up mental health first aid training</li> </ul>	Public Health	Free training is regularly offered to education professionals and frontline staff through the North East London Sustainability and transformation partnership	Ongoing

2.2 Improve mental health among specific groups through the implementation of the Mental Health Strategy	· Annual progress of the mental health action plan.	Public Health, North East London Clinical Commissioning Group	BAME, LGBTQIA+, SEND, single men in their 40s, people with PD have been some of the cohorts we have focused on	ongoing
2.3 Identify and support children/young people/vulnerable families where children are at risk of emotional and behavioural problems	· Every Looked After Child who needs it has a suicide prevention plan.	City of London Children's Social Care	the City Mental Health alliance has produced this guidance which we are promoting <a href="https://citymha.org.uk/Resources/Parents-Toolkit">https://citymha.org.uk/Resources/Parents-Toolkit</a>	Ongoing
2.4 Help parents to feel competent in protecting their children from harmful suicide-related content online by raising awareness of e-safety education on good practice in creating a safer online environment for children and young people (as compiled by UK Council for Child Internet Safety (UKCCIS))	· E-training module for parents to be disseminated to schools.	City and Hackney Safeguarding Children Partnership	City MH alliance has created this guidance <a href="https://citymha.org.uk/Resources/Parents-Toolkit">https://citymha.org.uk/Resources/Parents-Toolkit</a> which is being promoted the release of the City Safer Schools App is available for parents and continues to be promoted.	Ongoing
2.5 Migrant mental health – Ensure there are services to support migrants and undocumented individuals to	· Enhanced mental health service commissioned for Looked After Children and Care	City of London Children's Social Care	City social care have a Trainee Family Therapy Clinic with Kings College London which is open to any	Ongoing



access mental health services, particularly Care Leavers.	Leavers		child or family known to early help or children's social care, for early intervention. This is well used. City social care also run an Early Intervention Mental Health for UASCs jointly with Coram. This is working to improve gut health and sleep. CHSCP published key messages for practices Work is also being done with afghan and ukrainian refugees	
2.6 Student mental health - ensure HEIs staff are trained and can signpost students	· at least one staff in City HEI campus trained in suicide awareness	Public Health	The city's suicide prevention lead promotes resources, free trainings to HEIs and education settings. The samaritans attend fresher weeks	Ongoing
2.7 Social Prescribing – encourage adopting of the Five to Thrive principles to enhance wellbeing, reduce social isolation, provide peer support , reduce depression and build resilience	· Promotion of CCG lead five to thrive campaign - dissemination of video	North East London Clinical Commissioning Group	FTT website is now redesigned to reach even more people. FTT team promotes Suicide awareness and Mental health literacy trainings regularly as well other wider MH campaigns	Ongoing

<p>2.8 Adapt the Public Health England document ' Identifying and responding to Suicide Clusters and Contagion' so shapes a local response.</p>	<p>Document produced</p>	<p>CHSBC</p>	<p>the first document was completed and circulated to the members of the group but there is now a new one Revised guidance if not already circulated - here: <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/839621/PH_E_Suicide_Cluster_Guide.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/839621/PH_E_Suicide_Cluster_Guide.pdf</a> Operationally, there is confidence that contagion / cluster is being considered as part of Joint Agency response meetings under new child death review arrangements - guidance is being used in this context</p>	<p>Completed</p>
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### PRIORITY 3 Reduce access to the means of suicide

**Objective:** Reduce the opportunities people have to complete suicide in the City of London

Action:	Measure/outcome:	Lead partner	Comments:	RAG status
3.1 Include suicide risk in health and safety considerations by local authority planning departments and Environmental Health Officers and developers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Suicide considerations in standard risk assessment/health and safety tick box template.</li> <li>· Suicide considered in Health Impact Assessments</li> </ul>	CoL Planning and Port Health and public protection	<p>Suicide prevention and application of the Planning Advice Note is a standing item for pre-application discussions on development schemes and is also included in all committee and delegated reports as necessary.</p> <p>The planning guidance on how to mitigate suicide risk in high places has been approved and published, PH and EHOs have delivered training to planning officers, PH offers advice on a regular basis to developers and architects, PH is sharing learnings at various national and pan london suicide</p>	Ongoing

			prevention groups/webinars/ conference because other areas are seeking to implement something similar	
3.2 Engage with Transport For London, the British Transport Police and network rail to identify opportunities for further prevention of suicide at their locations	· Relationship to be built between City of London public health and TFL/BTP/network rail	Public Health, North East London Clinical Commissioning Group	BME, LGBTQIA+, single men in their 40s, people with PD have been some of the cohorts we have focused on	ongoing
3.2.1 Evaluate 'The London Bridge Pilot' to reduce suicide and attempted suicide at this location	Evaluation produced	Public health	Evaluation finalised in 2019	Completed
3.3 Work with the Samaritans, East London Foundation Trust (ELFT) and City and Hackney Mind to develop a sustainable model of suicide prevention developed as part of the Bridge Pilot to City of London Workers	· Number of people trained · Examples where training has been used to good effect.	CoL P Public Health	The mental health street triage service, operated by ELFT MH clinicians, is still operating in the square mile (its hours of operations were expanded in July 2021 for 12 months and an evaluation of the service has found that it saves a lot of money at the system level by reducing s136), the bridge watch program should be mobilised by winter 2023	Ongoing

			<p>and CoL has commissioned a feasibility study of the bridges that is still going through governance. Samaritans are still delivering Business Health suicide awareness training to workers near the river + there is new training being developed by thames reach academy supported by the tidal thames water safety forum</p>	
<p>3.4 install and maintain cameras on City of London Bridges to allow fast identification of which Bridge a person is on if they call, with monitoring at high risk times.</p>	<p>Cameras on bridges that are monitored by the CoLp control room, coast guards should have access for search and rescue</p>	<p>One Safe City/ Secure City CoLp</p>	<p>May 2023 - the project to install new high definition cameras on the City of London Bridges is well underway. London and Millennium Bridge cameras are implemented and footage is available on the test video management system on a limited basis, with the full new system being implemented this summer with full deployment expected by the autumn, dependent on the innovative IT environment. Camera and enabling telecommunications installation is in progress for upgrading the CoLP cameras</p>	<p>Amber</p>

			on Tower Bridge and will start shortly on Southwark and Blackfriars Bridges.	
3.5 mobilise bridge watch programme patrols	volunteers patrolling the 5 BHE owned bridges 24/7	Ascension Trust, CoL Police, RNLI, PLA, PH	Bridge Watch has finally managed to recruit a programme lead, recruitment of the volunteers is starting and we are hoping to mobilise before the end of 2023	Ongoing
3.6 Put RNLI signs on embankments to contain the message 'dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard'.	Signs on embankment	RNLI and PH	Signs are up	Complete
3.6.1 maintain the signage on the lifebuoys on the City of London Bridges to contain the message 'dial 999 and ask for the Coastguard'	Signs are maintained	RNLI , PLA City of London Built environment		Ongoing
3.7 Work with the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and the London Borough of Southwark to get permission to place Samaritans signs on Tower and Southwark Bridges	Signs on Tower and Southwark bridges.	Public health	Signs are up	Complete

3.8 Implement the vulnerable People And Bridges Security Project within the Secure City Programme.	bridges are monitored 24/7 and intervention is faster and easier	CoL Police and CoL	trials of several solutions took place in the RNLI pool in January and in situ in March, once evaluated commissioning of solutions will start	Ongoing
3.9 Share suicide awareness and prevention guidance with the relevant stakeholders	· guidance is shared as widely as possible and general confidence in engaging someone in crisis grows	All	Public health is sharing guidance with developers, construction companies, licensed premises, city licensing annually visits the ten premises along the waterfront and shares PLA's updated guidance on safety equipment, suicide prevention leaflets; CoLp is engaging with the business crime prevention partnership (50 premises)	Ongoing
3.10 Continue to engage with the Tidal Thames water safety forum and input into the action plan of the Tidal Thames: drowning prevention strategy	Partners share knowledge and learning about safety on the Thames as well as data of incidents along the river	RNLI, PLA, community safety, port health, public health City of London Built environment	PH attends all meetings of the TTWSF, currently Thames Reach Academy is developing a training for people working along and on the river with the listening place, PH has given feedback and CoLp will attend the pilot training on June 8th to give their view of it	Ongoing

3.11 commission a feasibility study of physical measures on the bridges	final answer on what physical measures can be implemented on the 5 city bridges	PH, BHE, Town clerk, Paul Monaghan (chief engineer), Ian Hughes (SCP), Peter Shadbolt (planning)	The public protection study was finished in december 2022. It went through governance early 2023 then The committee chairs decided on may 10th to pause the governance on the public protection study until we have a strategic plan after a multi agency suicide prevention summit takes place in the fall of 2023	Amber
3.12 Adapting the upcoming national highways software on location risk assessment for tall buildings and urban structures.	software or risk assessment framework for urban structure	PH, planning, national highway	the PH suicide prevention officer has met with national highways about their upcoming software, it is not completed yet thus cannot yet be adapted to urban structure just yet	Amber



## PRIORITY 4 Those who are bereaved or affected by suicide to feel informed and supported throughout their experience

**Objective:** Those who are bereaved or affected by suicide to feel informed and supported throughout their experience

Action:	Measure/outcome:	Lead partner	Comments:	RAG status
4.1.1 Provide training and resources for primary care staff to raise awareness of the vulnerability and support needs of family members when someone takes their own life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of primary care staff who have received training</li> </ul>	CCG City of London Coroner	Primary care staff is regularly trained (training with MIND planned for 21/11/23) + Thrive LDN is commissioning some training for GPs	Ongoing
4.1.2 Engage city businesses to identify best practice regarding the mental health of its employees and promote it – particularly to those that have already experienced a suicide in their workforce.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Follow up with businesses who have undergone training</li> <li>Promote the suicide prevention agenda within City business groupings such as the City Mental Health Alliance and “This Is Me – In the City” (Lord Mayor’s Appeal)</li> </ul>	CoL Health and Safety Business Healthy	May 2023 lord mayor appeal update : This is Me Spring event held on 19 April attended by over 70 individuals. Amplifying conversations around workplace wellbeing during MHAW. Contributions from our corporate partners and other businesses our network on socials. Supported MHAW events by sourcing speakers from our charity partners and This is	ongoing

			<p>Me networks.          Over 26,000 green ribbons distributed since the start of 2023.          News stories on wellbeing activities through This is Me are also available on our website: News And Events   Latest News   The Lord Mayor's Appeal 2022/2023 (thelordmayorsappeal.org)          This is Me hub updated with new resources          Next in person event in planning stages to be held in October to coincide with World Mental Health Day.</p>	
<p>4.1.3 Risks to be assessed by the City Corporations Environment health officers following on from any suicides in public/the workplace and any preventative /remedial measures are identified for action</p>	<p>Number of risk assessments being undertaken by the CoL Health and Safety team following suicides in City of London businesses (should be systematic/coincide with completion data)</p>	<p>CoL planning, PH, CoLp</p>	<p>PH and Planning have developed a planning guidance that can be used before or after the design stage, this guidance can be helpful to rooftop bars/terraces which have had incidents before. CoL p also has a designing out crime officers who can give advice on suicide risk mitigation in businesses. As per the newly approved suicide completion response protocol, CoLp notices EHOs of any completion in a business and EHOs (supported by PH) offer</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

			advice on risk mitigation and training in suicide awareness.	
4.2 Provide accessible, concise information on the processes and standards in a Coroner's inquiry to family members	Number of bereaved families given information (should be systematic/coincide with completion data)	The Coroner	This is standard procedure by coroner's office. This is ongoing on a separate action log. the "new" standard of proof for suicide, has led to less open verdicts because it is more clear cut, it gives families more clarity and make dealing with families more straightforward and it will be good for the next suicide audit.	Ongoing
4.3 Provide bereaved families with an explanation of policies on investigation of patient suicides, opportunity to be involved and information on any actions taken as a result. Refer families to City of London bereavement services web pages	· Proportion of families who are referred to bereavement services (should be systematic/coincide with completion data)	CoLp	CoLp Family Liaison Officer should advise them to what is available to them, the FLO's would do their own research and find specific contacts for them to use.	Ongoing
4.4 Offer those bereaved as a result of suicide	· Number of people offered bereavement	CoLP and coroner	Information on bereavement services is offered by CoLp	Ongoing

signposting to bereavement services	support (should be systematic/coincide with completion data)		systematically, it is also available on various websites (CoL, North East London Integrated Care Board)	
4.5 contact funeral parlours in the city/used by city residents to ensure they are aware of bereavement services for those affected by suicide	number of funeral parlours aware of the bereavement services .	Public health	The suicide prevention lead has compiled a list of the funeral parlours (fenix funeral) but still needs get in touch with them, delayed by covid and the work on the bridges	amber
4.6 promote training around bereavement	number of people the training is being promoted to	PH	promotion of NEL training as well as cruse offer takes place regularly	ongoing
4.7 Bereavement support for children who have lost a parent or carer	Number of people utilising CYP bereavement services	NEL ICB	The children and young people's bereavement service at St Joseph's hospice is now accepting referrals for young people who have lost a parent, carer or significant person in their life due to a bereavement of any kind (this was previously covid-related bereavements only).	ongoing

4.8 Create and send the bereavement support pack to stakeholders, residents and partners	bereavement pack sent to city VCS and partners	PH	The pack is finalised, it contains a bereavement video from LBH, bereavement leaflets (60 copies have already been sent to LBH VCS)	complete
4.9 Promote Public Health England 'Help Is At Hand' document to key partners and make available in City libraries	· Help is at hand document readily available in libraries.	PH and libraries	Help is at hand has been distributed to libraries	complete

## PRIORITY 5 Support the media in delivering sensitive approaches to suicide and suicidal behaviour

**Objective:** The media to report on suicide and suicide behaviour sensitively, taking into account guidance and support from other stakeholders

Action:	Measure/outcome:	Lead partner	Comments:	RAG status
5.1 Ensure that local/regional newspapers and other media outlets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· provide information about sources of support and helplines when reporting suicide</li> <li>· avoid insensitive and inappropriate graphic illustrations with media reports of suicide</li> <li>· avoid use of photographs taken from social networking sites without relative consent</li> <li>· avoid the re-publication of photographs of people who have died by suicide</li> <li>· report appropriately where there is evidence of a cluster</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· All suicides reported on in a sensitive and appropriate way</li> </ul>	City of London Corporation and CoLP media Teams Samaritans media team	The media guidelines have been shared. Media outlets don't always follow them but the CoLP and COLC media teams follow up with them when they don't. In feb 2022 we developed a briefing for media enquiry around the feasibility study of physical measures on the bridges in case any media outlet notices the tender and asks questions + are preparing proactive comms ahead of the usual spring increase in incidents	<b>Ongoing</b>

5.2 Challenge, where possible, the publication of harmful or inappropriate material with reference to the updated laws on promoting suicide	Evidence of challenge of harmful or inappropriate material	CoL	We have offered our support to the samaritans and NSPA in their campaign to have some sections of the online harm bill to be modified. CoL Suicide prevention lead officer has met with Hull university to help in their research project of unhelpful online content when it comes to suicide prevention PH SP officers keeps engaging with organizations who challenge harmful content	ongoing
5.3 Promote the samaritans communication toolkit to encourage the use of positive appropriate language in all communications and during purdah	change in language, successfully, commit, are no longer widely used	All	use of appropriate language and terminology is important when discussing suicide. All partners should avoid using outdated terms, but are also asked to demonstrate kindness if colleagues misspeak - we are all working to become better people and professionals.	Ongoing
5.4 notify the samaritans and NSPA about harmful media content for them to follow up on	number of reports to NSPA and samaritans	PH and All	this is ongoing, every time there is inappropriate comms, the suicide prevention lead officer notifies the samaritans media team and the NSPA	Ongoing

5.5 Share the 'Samaritans' Media Guidelines for Reporting Suicide with City Corporation, City Police and NHS media teams and ensure that they are aware of the sensitive nature of suicides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of organisations aware of the Samaritans media guidelines</li> </ul>	The samaritans	The guidelines have been shared and continue to be shared regularly	Complete
5.6 Promote Business in the Community's "suicide post-vention toolkit for employers" to the Business Healthy network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Posts on the Business Healthy website/ newsletter/ social media (World Suicide Prevention day - 10 September)</li> <li>Include as a resource in training packs</li> </ul>	CoLP and coroner	shared and continue to be shared regularly	complete
5.7 develop a guidance for the events team to consider the risks of putting on events on the subject of suicides	guidance produced and adopted by the relevant committee	PH, CoL events teams	the PH suicide prevention officer has gone to an events team quarterly meeting to propose the idea of a suicide guidance on events and this was received enthusiastically	Green



## PRIORITY 6 Support Research, data collection and monitoring

**Objective:** TA comprehensive database of suicide in the city of london and the whole of london to be built

Action:	Measure/outcome:	Lead partner	Comments:	RAG status
6.1 Share local, national and international data and research on suicide prevention and effective interventions, and identify gaps in current knowledge	Shared with relevant partners	All	The suicide prevention lead officer regularly shares data with partners; regularly presents at conferences, webinars, forum to share learnings. We are also always thriving to improve our data collection and that of partners.	ongoing

6.2 Work with the local Coroner in order to aid accurate data collection and aid the development of targeted suicide prevention strategies	· Joined up working and information sharing between the coroner and public health	Coroner, port health, public protection	the coroner has shared data with PH to be included in the suicide audit of 2017-2022, the coroner and PH SP lead met in June 2023 and are sharing information	ongoing
6.3 work with NHS England on the Child Protection Information System CP-IS	health alert system includes details of children in care or subject to cp plans.	CHSCP	Awaiting update on timeline from NHSE	Ongoing
6.4 Join and contribute to the Thrive London Real Time Surveillance System (pan london suicide data base)	input into the database and use it to inform intervention	Thrive LDN, CoLp and PH	The City of London has joined the Thrive LDN real time surveillance database, this innovative suicide surveillance system is designed for use by multi-agency group, allowing councils, police, mental health services, suicide prevention groups to share real time surveillance data and coordinate responses. The system is innovative as it uses a report from the police force of a potential suicide as the basis for reporting, as oposed to coroner decision of confirmed suicide. This allows a timeframe of days following the incident for information to be added and	Ongoing

			<p>action to be taken as opposed to months after. access is tailored by both residence of deceased and location of death. Thrive is now working on a self harm database as well as recording suicide attempts and contemplation, this involves a lot of work in terms of agreeing on definitions across all organizations involved</p>	
<p>6.5 CoLp to share real time surveillance data with UCL in order for them to analyze the patterns of movement and why people come to the square mile to attempt suicide</p>	<p>study with recommendation produced</p>	<p>CoLp</p>	<p>We have received a draft of the report from UCL end of july 2023</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>6.6 Resolve issues with receiving feedback from hospitals regarding the outcome of the mental health assessments after S136. The City Police Suicide Profile of 2020 recommends that "an Information Sharing Agreement with the NHS should be established so</p>	<p>information sharing agreement with NHS in place</p>	<p>CoLP and NHS</p>	<p>information management team in Force is checking if CoLp can have that information under the DPA</p>	<p>amber</p>

that requests can be submitted to hospitals which request the outcome of assessment for any individual taken to hospital. This should be completed for every individual that attempts suicide; to ensure that all risk information is shared and appropriate safeguarding measures completed.”				
6.7 Routinely collect data on attempted suicide in the City from Section 136 booklets	· S136 data to be collected by the City of London Police and shared with public health		colp has given access to NICHE to theMHST clinicians and are working on improving data discrepancy between the CoLp data and the MHST data	green
6.8 Develop an overarching data sharing agreement to allow the sharing of personal level suicide data between partners including the London Ambulance Service, British Transport Police, City of London Police and the City Corporation.	· Data sharing agreement in place and signed by all partners	CoL	After consulting legal, it has been established that the safer city data sharing agreement is applicable to suicide prevention because it mentions the care act. there is thus no need to create a new data sharing agreement.	complete
6.9 Develop the mechanisms	· Evaluation of 'the	PH	See action 3.3 the Mental	complete

for evaluating local suicide prevention work	Bridge Pilot'		health street triage was evaluated in early 2022 and was found to avert costs at the system level by reducing incarceration under s136 of the MH act, the service has paid for itself and potentially prevented 21 suicides	
6.10 Produce an enhance suicide prevention report	enhanced suicide report produced and shared	senior corporate affairs officer and all	work on the report has started, a first draft is expect by august 18th	green
6.11 Organize a city suicide prevention conference to showcase our work and share good practice and learnings with partners and stakeholders	conference organised and learning shared	senior corporate affairs officer, town clerk and PH	the conference is set to occur on october 26th at the guildhall, the programme for the morning is finalised, we are still finalising the afternoon workshops	Green

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