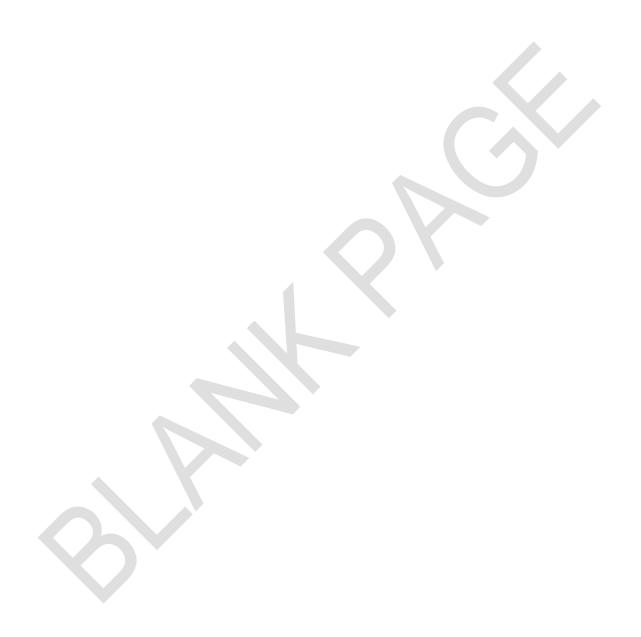


AGENDA ITEM No. 10





Meeting of East Renfrewshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Integration Joint Board		
Held on	13 Augı	ust 2025	
Agenda Item	10		
Title		enfrewshire Suicide F ion Plan Year 1 Prog	
Summary			
Presentation of East Renfrewshire Suici 2027 - Year 1 Progress Update.	Presentation of East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan 2024- 2027 - Year 1 Progress Update.		
Strategy and Action Plan 2024- 2027 in	Following Integration Joint Board approval of the East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan 2024- 2027 in March 2024, this paper provides an update on local developments and outcomes in year 1: April 2024 to March 2025.		
Presented by	Tom Kelly, Head of Adult Service: Learning Disability and Recovery Services		
Action Required	Action Required		
	The Integration Joint Board is asked to discuss and approve the East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Year 1 Progress report prior to publication.		
Directions		Implications	
		Finance	Risk
☐ Directions to East Renfrewshire Council (ERC)		☐ Policy	☐ Legal
☐ Directions to NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (N	HSGGC)	Workforce	☐ Infrastructure
☐ Directions to both ERC and NHSGGC	ections to both ERC and NHSGGC		☐ Fairer Scotland Duty



EAST RENFREWSHIRE INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

13 August 2025

Report by Chief Officer

<u>East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan 2024-2027</u> <u>Year 1 Progress Report</u>

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to update Integration Joint Board members of the progress of the suicide prevention activity across East Renfrewshire over the last year from April 2024 to March 2025. This report also provides the most recent suicide death data*(2023) and the arrangements in place for review and learning to advise future planning. Suicide prevention is a high priority in East Renfrewshire, recognising that each death is a tragedy which affects families and wider communities.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Integration Joint Board is asked to discuss and approve the East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Year 1 Progress report prior to publication.

BACKGROUND

- 3. In March 2024, IJB members approved the East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan 2024 2027. This local strategy and action plan was developed following the publication of the national strategy and action plan "Creating Hope Together"; a joint strategy between Scottish Government and COSLA.
- 4. The delivery of the Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan is integral to our role as a Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP), supporting local individuals and communities as well as the wider NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) board and national outcomes.
- 5. The strategy approved in March 2024 is the first local suicide prevention strategy in ten years and is the first strategy to jointly support mental health and wellbeing, self- harm and suicide prevention across East Renfrewshire.

EAST RENFREWSHIRE DATA 2018-2023

6. In East Renfrewshire, the number of deaths increased from 6 in 2022 to 8 in 2023, of these deaths 7 individuals were male, with 1 female. This gender data reflects the local trend in past years. Looking at the five-year average rate of suicide deaths per 100,000 population, East Renfrewshire has the lowest rates in Scotland. The 2024 data will be published in September 2025.

EAST RENFREWSHIRE SUICIDE PREVENTION STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN: YEAR 1

- 7. The implementation of the strategy is supported by the Suicide Prevention Working Group, three associated subgroups involving cross partner involvement, from frontline services to third sector and community organisations.
- 8. This collaboration and partnership working supports the successful delivery of the detailed action plan. The long-term vision for the strategy is **Good Mental Health and Wellbeing for All** with the aim of achieving our principle of **collaboration** through action led activity across our five priority areas. Successful progress across all five priority areas has been achieved in year 1 of which full details can be viewed in appendix one.

PRIORITY AREAS: YEAR 1 ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS

9. The full year 1 progress report is attached in Annex 1 however the table below illustrates some of the key areas of progress for ease of reference:

LOCALSUICIDE PREVENTION NETWORK	 East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Working group is well established with over thirty members including HSCP, Council, Third Sector and lived experience partners. This crosspartnership approach has been integral in the development of the network and has supported increased access of supports and training across East Renfrewshire communities. This has also allowed us to challenge stigma on a wider scale as we reach more individuals / communities. Three local subgroups (Training/ Communications / Community Development) are now well established, with actions/planning underway to support the strategy priorities. Increased partnership working with partners such as Police Scotland/ Fire Scotland/ Walking Scotland, RAMH, East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure, RCA Trust etc.
TRAINING / EDUCATION	 Training subgroup established with cross partnership representation. In year one, thirty-two training courses were completed with four hundred and forty-nine delegates attending. Training plan established for 2025/2026 Local training capacity increased with four partners trained in SuicideTALK. SuicideTALK training plan for delivery in Education to senior pupils underway. Mapping of local, board-wide and national Veteran Health & Wellbeing resources complete with launch event planned for September 2025 (Suicide Prevention Week).
COMMUNICATIONS	Suicide Prevention Communications subgroup established with
	cross partnership representation.
	Communications plan for 2025/2026 developed.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	 Promotion / awareness raising of both local, board wide and national campaign and events such as: Mental Health Awareness Week / Suicide Prevention Week. Community Development Subgroup established with cross partnership and lived experience representation. Promotion of local strategy and supports via in person and online events, supporting networking among staff, partners, and community members. Partnership working with local partners such as VAER to support community mental health and wellbeing fund distribution.
DATA ANALYSIS	 Sudden Adverse Event Review (SAER) analysis completed on an annual basis, alongside local data analysis to support local planning and prevention activity. Development of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Police Scotland to support data sharing. This MOU allows us to support families and staff affected by the suicide and equip Police Liaison staff with appropriate resources to share with families. Partnership working with Public Health Scotland to support regular data sharing and analysis including information sharing from national Lived Experience Panel and Academic Advisory group. Local annual report following National Records Scotland Annual Suicide Death Data (2024 data due for publication September 2025) Partnership working with Public Health Scotland Data Analysts is underway to create a heat map highlighting A&E Attendees, repeat attendances etc. for East Renfrewshire residents for reasons such as suicidal ideation, self- harm, mental health etc.

YEAR 2 PLANNING

- 10. As we move into year two of the Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan, locally we will continue to work in partnership with NHSGGC and wider partners to achieve the best outcomes for East Renfrewshire residents and communities. As we continue to increase community access to supports and education, the suicide prevention network will continue to improve collaboration and partnership working to allow us to deliver quality services while improving mental health and wellbeing across East Renfrewshire.
- 11. The HSCP have committed a £5,000 investment into awareness raising materials based on the national suicide prevention campaign. These will be distributed across all areas of East Renfrewshire including both public and private venues to increase awareness of suicide prevention, share information on access to services and support and to reduce stigma associated with suicide and mental health. East Renfrewshire Council and East



Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure alongside many other partners across the network have committed to supporting the communication campaign.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE PROPOSALS

Finance

12. The majority of the work to deliver suicide prevention is through existing resources of partner organisation, which is maximised through partnership working and collaboration. As noted in paragraph 7, the HSCP has invested £5,000 to support campaign materials to be displayed widely throughout the East Renfrewshire area to raise awareness of suicide and associated supports and reduce stigma.

<u>Equalities</u>

- 13. Suicide can affect any individual or community. The Equality Fairness and Rights Assessment underpinning the Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan and the ongoing review of data on suicide deaths indicates that men are disproportionately affected.
- 14. Suicide prevention work follows a community wide approach while also targeting specific communities or protected characteristics as indicated by the ongoing review of the data and lived experience feedback where appropriate.

DIRECTIONS

15. There are no directions arising from this report.

CONCLUSIONS

- 16. The purpose of the East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Strategy and Action Plan 2024-27 was to set out our vision and strategic priorities for the reduction of deaths by suicide across East Renfrewshire, improving the mental health and wellbeing of residents and communities and creating a suicide safe area with well-informed staff and communities. One year into the strategy the suicide prevention network is well established, and outcomes continue to develop across all five priority areas.
- 17. The strategy and action plan will continue to support HSCP strategic objectives as well as NHSGGC policy and national priorities and will include a robust approach to monitor delivery and measuring outcomes and impacts. Suicide Death Data for 2024 will be shared with the Integrated Joint Board in the following six-monthly report alongside any data / learning from our partnership with Public Health Scotland Data Analyst who is currently collating a heat map of A&E data for East Renfrewshire residents to support our future prevention activity.

RECOMMENDATIONS

18. The Integration Joint Board is asked to discuss and approve the East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Year 1 Progress report prior to publication.



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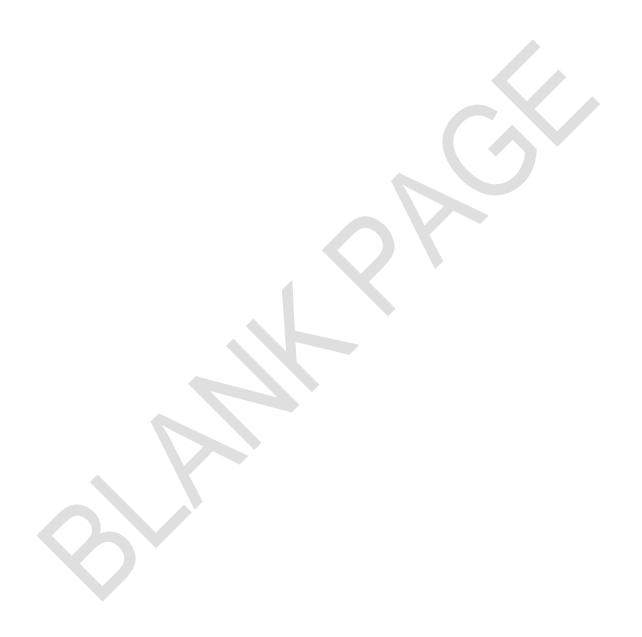
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

Creating Hope Together Scotland's Suicide Prevention Strategy

Creating Hope Together Scotland's Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2022-2025



Annex 1

East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2024 - 2027 Year 1 Update: April 2025

Some of the content in this action plan may have an emotional impact on you. Support is always available; please see below some of the national sources of help.

Mind to Mind

If you're feeling anxious, stressed or low, or having problems sleeping or dealing with grief, find out how you can improve your mental wellbeing by hearing what others have found helpful by visiting www.nhsinform.scot/mind-to-min

Breathing Space

Breathing Space is Scotland's free, confidential listening service for individuals over 16 experiencing symptoms of low mood, depression or anxiety. You can contact them on **0800 83 85 87** Monday to Thursday from 6pm to 2am and 24 hours a day at weekends (from 6pm Friday to 6am Monday).

Samaritans

Samaritans provide confidential, non-judgemental emotional support 24/7 for people who are experiencing feelings of distress or despair. You can contact Samaritans free by phoning 116 123 or emailing jo@samaritans.org

NHS 24 Mental Health Hub

NHS 24 mental health services are available to everyone in Scotland. The services available include listening, offering advice and guiding you to further help if required. The Mental Health Hub is open 24/7 and you can contact them on **111**.



East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2024- 2027

Priority Area	Outcomes	Area of Actions	Year 1 Update
1.) Establish Local Suicide Prevention Network	Establish local Suicide Prevention network to provide leadership on East Renfrewshire local suicide prevention plan: 2023 - 2026.	Establish a local Suicide Prevention working group with cross sector partners to allow better collaboration and co-ordination of suicide prevention activity and move to a whole systems working model.	Complete: East Renfrewshire Suicide Prevention Working group is well established with over thirty members including HSCP, Council, Third Sector and lived experience partners meeting bi- monthly
	Improve partnership working across multi sectors to create a whole systems approach to support East Renfrewshire local suicide prevention work.	Through collaboration and joint working with cross sector partners representing the Suicide Prevention working group, explore, develop and increase partnership-working opportunities.	Complete: Increased partnership working with partners such as Police Scotland/ Fire Scotland/ Walking Scotland/RAMH/ East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure / RTCA Trust and many more. For example, a data sharing agreement was developed with ER HSCP and Police Scotland to enable improvements protocols for those bereaved by suicide Increased partnership working has also been established at a national level with partners from Public Health Scotland, SAMH and Breathing Space. For example, Breathing Space partners have provided local awareness sessions to inform staff and communities of the services NHS 24 and Breathing Space provide.

Priority Area	Outcomes	Area of Actions	Year 1 Update
	Establish three subgroups with cross sectoral partners to ensure collaboration and coordination of three priority actions: Training / Education Communications Community Development / Lived Experience	Establish subgroup with staff / partners from across East Renfrewshire who have specialist skills / knowledge and expertise on priority areas. Review local network representation for both the working group and subgroups on an annual basis to ensure staff with specialist knowledge and skills have opportunity to support the network.	Complete: Three local subgroups (Training / Communications / Community Development) now established, meeting bi- monthly with actions underway to support the strategy priorities. Representation for Suicide Prevention Working Group and three subgroups was reviewed in March 2025.Over the last year representation has remained steady with minor changes due to staffing, but mostly new members have been welcomed who have remit / interest in suicide prevention.
2.) Training / Education	Establish Suicide Prevention Training / Education subgroup to achieve increased capacity and skills of staff and volunteers across East Renfrewshire.	Source representatives with knowledge and expertise in education and training to establish active training subgroup.	Complete: Training subgroup established, meeting bi- monthly. Representation includes all staff with a local training remit for mental health related courses. Annual training plan for 2025 developed with quarterly training reports completed.



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	Ensure awareness and take- up of training and capacity building through development of Suicide Prevention Training catalogue by Suicide Prevention training subgroup.	Mapping, scoping and development of Suicide Prevention training catalogue which provides training / education opportunities for individuals at all stages of life and with varying skill level.	In progress: In 2024, 32 training courses were completed with 449 delegates attending. Training included Alcohol Brief Interventions, ASIST, Self- Harm, Trauma, Gambling Awareness, SMHFA (Scottish Mental Health First Aid). Training schedule for 2025 has been established with aim of delivering more in person training and targeting community members as well as staff.
		Develop a tailored and targeted learning approach to achieve the greatest systemwide impact.	In progress: Moving into year two, the suicide prevention training group aim to increase impact of education and training by prioritising "at risk" groups for example children and young people through training withing educational settings with the aim of supporting mentally healthy younger generations.
	Our staff, partners and communities have a clear understanding of suicide, risk factors and prevention.	We will raise awareness of suicide prevention and offer learning opportunities and training to a wide audience, including community members.	In progress: With the aim of creating suicide safe communities and increasing awareness of suicide prevention, four staff members completed the Train the Trainer course for SuicideTALK. * (SuicideTALK, is an introductory course to suicide awareness and prevention focusing on community awareness, challenging stigma and supports available.) Five local courses have been planned for 2025, and post summer break this training will also be delivered to S5 /S6 pupils. This training will allow us to increase suicide awareness for both staff and local communities, supporting our outcomes to reduce stigma while increasing local supports and compassionate care.



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	Our staff, partners and communities are confident to provide a compassionate and timely response.	Through training and partnership working with HSCP Trauma Coordinator we will aim to provide a trauma informed approach to suicide prevention	In progress: The HSCP Trauma Implementation Coordinator is one of our four SuicideTALK trainers and will ensure suicide prevention and trauma training are delivered locally to increase staff and community confidence in suicide prevention activity while promoting trauma informed practice.
	Our staff, partners and communities are confident to respond to suicidal behaviour and risk.	Develop public awareness of actions to reduce suicide via public awareness training at informed level.	In progress: Locally we will continue to increase awareness on suicide and prevention activity via our SuicideTALK training which is open to all individuals 15 years plus alongside our communications campaigns and promotion of the new national campaigns via our partners are Suicide Prevention Scotland.
	Provide Education to children and young people via curricular activity which promotes positive mental health, resilience building and coping strategies to support our outcomes of creating mentally healthy generations.	Promote and raise awareness of curricular and community early years, primary and secondary wellbeing programmes.	In progress: Roll out of the newly developed PSE programme across all year groups at Eastwood High School complete. Step 2 will be to roll out across East Renfrewshire. Delivery of the 'Moving to High School' session to anxious Primary 7 pupils from all feeder primaries at Eastwood High School. All Secondary schools in the authority will be holding transition activities for P7s currently.



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	Provide Education to children and young people via curricular activity which promotes positive mental health, resilience building and coping strategies to support our outcomes of creating mentally healthy generations (cont.)	Promote and raise awareness of curricular and community early years, primary and secondary wellbeing programmes (cont.)	Secondary schools across the authority celebrate events such as Mental Health Awareness Week with a range of lessons and extra-curricular activities. At Eastwood High departments across the school are planning Wellbeing lessons such as: Watch the Happiness Trap, Revisit Dropping Anchor, Make a happy playlist, maintain my mental health, maintain my community's mental health.
			Locally Education staff are currently working towards all schools having a wellbeing space to support children and young people's mental and emotional wellbeing. Many establishments have confirmed that they have a specific, protected space within their building through a range of rooms such as wellbeing hubs. In primary schools the rooms may have specific names more relevant for primary-aged children.
	Promote local Veteran health and wellbeing supports and resources.	Develop Partnership working with HSCP Veteran Support Officer to promote and develop local health and wellbeing supports / opportunities for local veterans.	Complete /Ongoing: Partnership working with NHSGG&C and Defence Medical Welfare Service to complete a Mapping of local, board-wide and national Veteran Health & Wellbeing resources. Veteran webpage developed with local, board wide and national resources complete. Veteran Lunch planned to promote the new digital resource in September 2025 (suicide prevention week) in partnership with ERCLT who host Veteran Breakfast and Health for Heros scheme



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Communications	Establish Suicide Prevention Communications subgroup.	Source representatives with knowledge and expertise in Communications / marketing to establish subgroup	Complete: Suicide Prevention Communications subgroup established with partners from ERC and HSCP. Communications Plan established for 2025, prioritising campaigns focused on mental health and wellbeing – good to include some example campaigns.
	Improve and establish regular and consistent local communications/campaigns promoting health and wellbeing resources and supports.	Mapping to create Suicide Prevention Directory of local, board wide and national resources.	In progress: Partnership working with Suicide Prevention Scotland and NHSGG&C to develop directory of supports.
	Improve and establish regular and consistent local communications/campaigns promoting health and wellbeing resources and supports.	Develop annual communications plan, including priority campaigns such as Suicide Prevention week. This will ensure local campaigns are coordinated national campaigns to maximise reach and impact.	In progress: Continual promotion of both local, board wide and national campaign and event such as: Mental Health Awareness Week / Suicide Prevention Week. Promotion via socials / digital and face to face events. 2025 / 2026, aim is to increase face to face promotion / activity to increase engagement / reduce digital barriers.
	Promote and increase awareness of suicide and mental health activity and resources to support and reduce stigma.	Create local communications and campaigns that are consistent and clear, supporting a primary prevention approach. Promoting sources of support for people both in crisis and for promoting good mental health and wellbeing.	In progress: Locally we continually promote and support events/ campaigns supporting mental health and wellbeing over all – looking at the wider determinants of health and linking with partners who support such as housing/ employment / money advice. Our aim is to raise awareness of mental health and suicide, and their connection to broader health determinants

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	Create compassionate / trauma informed communities.	Through our communications and social media work, promoting information, resources and activities that are universally available.	In progress: Locally we continually promote and support events/ campaigns supporting mental health and wellbeing over all – looking at the wider determinants of health and linking with partners who support such as housing/ employment / money advice. Our aim is to increase awareness of mental health / suicide and the links to wider impacts on health.
	Improve targeted campaigning via social media and marketing.	Promotion of suicide bereavement supports- local and national.	In progress: Locally we continually promote Cruse Scotland Bereavement Support Services. Nationally there is a gap in bereavement services specifically for suicide. Locally our Health Improvement Lead works closely with Police Scotland following an incident to ensure support services for both families and staff are offered / provided.
		Share national updates widely across partners and communities such as new strategies, resources and opportunities.	In progress: Continual promotion of universal, free services such as Daylight app/ Sleepio App/ NHS Inform/ Samaritans/ Breathing Space / Cruse Scotland etc. Locally we have identified need to promote and raise awareness of free services and self- help supports for things such as sleep/ anxiety management etc.

Priority Area	Outcomes	Area of Actions	Year 1 Update
	Improve targeted campaigning via social media and marketing. (cont.)	Provide easy-read/ pictorial supports on suicide and suicide prevention to assist with communication needs.	In progress: Our Community Development sub-group aim to increase community engagement and improving learning on how to best communicate / share information with our communities. Currently, many of our services are promoted via digital means. Moving forward we aim to try new means of communication such as more in person events/ peer supports. Partnership working with PHS Suicide Prevention team to scope easy read / pictorial supports and resources and improve accessible communications. Partnership working with ERC Strategic Services to support accessibility and inclusive access to resources / supports.
Community Development/ Lived Experience	Establish Suicide Prevention Community Development / Lived Experienced sub group.	Source representatives with knowledge and expertise in community development / lived experience to establish active sub groups	Complete: Community Development sub group has now been established and meets on a quarterly basis. The group is made up of representatives from HSCP, third sector and lived experience members.
	Improve engagement and partnerships working with individuals who have lived experience.	Increase engagement and partnership working with partners and communities across East Renfrewshire, utilising third sector link to reach communities.	In Progress: The Suicide Prevention Community Development subgroup hosted its first in person event in May 2025 to celebrate Mental Health Awareness Week. Twenty organisations from across East Renfrewshire came together to promote their services to the community, increasing awareness of community supports supporting mental health and wellbeing. Services attending included housing, money advice, libraries, Police, health etc.

Priority Area	Outcomes	Area of Actions	Year 1 Update
	Improve our partnership working and engagement across East Renfrewshire in relation to the programme of work for Mental Health Improvement and Suicide Prevention.	Identify opportunities to work in partnership and advocate for a Public Mental Health approach that include Mental Health in All Policies.	In Progress: Through partnership working and collaboration with local staff, partners and organisations we aim to increase awareness of suicide prevention as everyone's' business, and the impact the wider determinants of health which influence and determine our mental health and wellbeing. Increasing this awareness creates opportunities for mental health and wellbeing to be included in local policy development where it may not have been previously.
	Reduce stigma associated with mental health / suicide.	Increase / normalise conversations/ support on mental health as we do physical health. Develop a local network of suicide prevention champions, Including individuals with lived experience where possible.	In progress: Delivery of SuicideTALK awareness session to staff, partners and community members to increase suicide prevention awareness and reduce stigma associated with mental health and suicide. Continual promotion of supports and resources in relation to mental health and wellbeing to reduce stigma and increases awareness of self-help supports.
		Develop a local network of suicide prevention champions, Including individuals with lived experience where possible.	In Progress: Scheduled for Year 3
	Promote and improve social prescribing across East Renfrewshire.	Engage and involve partners and communities to promote "bottom up", social prescribing approaches.	In Progress: Following development of the Communities Development Subgroup year 2 plan aims to increase community networking, face to face engagement supporting community members and groups based on their needs.

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	Develop mentally healthy communities and environments.	Support partners and Communities to access funding and support to create / provide health and wellbeing prevention activity.	In progress: Partnership working with VAER to support Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund. Promotion of funding opportunities and application support for community partners and third sector partners such as Barrhead Men's Shed and Glasgow Council on Alcohol.
Data Collection / Analysis	Complete annual SAER	Complete annual (Sudden Adverse Event Review) SAER, use learning from review to improve local practice and aid planning.	In progress / ongoing: SAER completed on annual basis to aid local planning.
	Improve our prevention activity and planning through regular monitoring, evaluation and review.	Collate data related to both mental health and the wider determinants of health in East Renfrewshire to monitor and identify trends, to support our future planning and will adjust actions accordingly.	In progress/ ongoing: Data analysis from various local and national data sources such as SAER, service data / NRS etc. to aid planning / monitor trends.
	Monitor data and trends related to suicide, self-harm both nationally and locally, and liaise with national, regional and local contacts.	Create quarterly and annual data reports on suicide deaths using data provided by Public Health Scotland, Police Scotland and British Transport Police	In progress/ ongoing: Quarterly reports ongoing and for sharing with Management only due to high level confidentiality. Partnership working with Police Scotland, PHS and BTP ongoing. MOU in place between Police Scotland and East Renfrewshire HSCP re: data sharing.
	Improve use of data, using an all age and stage approach.	Collate and analyse data relating to children and young people's needs from CAMHS, Healthier Minds, Schools, Police and Social work.	In Progress: Year 2 / 3 action

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	Analyse data to map local trends to aid planning and future prevention activity.	Link with the national lived experience Panel and the Youth Advisory Group – to shape the design, delivery, communications and evaluation across our work.	In Progress: Year 2 / 3 action
	Provide regular reports to aid current and future priorities and planning.	Create local annual report in line with National Records Scotland annual Suicide Death Publications.	Ongoing: NRS Data due to be published September 2025
		Improve Learning about suicidal behaviour from the National Academic Advisory Group. This includes: understanding the connection between suicide and mental health and wellbeing; risk and protective factors; and effective interventions for reducing suicide – including for specific groups.	In progress/ Ongoing: HI Leads attends monthly National Suicide Prevention Leads Meeting where information / data from advisory group shared, HI Lead attending two-day national Conference-May 2025. Programme includes sessions on evidence base from partners on suicide and links to mental health and wider factors.
		Provide quarterly updates to Mental Health & Recovery group (Steering group) on progress of the local action plan and priority areas.	In progress/ Ongoing: Quarterly updates / progresses shared by HI Lead. Year 1 action plan update will be presented at June 2025 meeting.

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	Explore Data Sharing Agreement	Bring together data sources on suicide to inform our priorities, actions and public information. This will include routine data, suicide reviews, more timely data, Scottish Suicide Information Database (ScotSID), and management/ evaluation data. To support this, we will develop local information sharing agreements where necessary to support collection, analyses, management and sharing of data.	In progress / Ongoing: Data sharing agreement in place between Police Scotland, PHS and HSCP. PHS share suicide death data on a quarterly basis. Police Scotland share suicide death data (2- 4 weeks) post death. This allows us to monitor trends in relation to location, method, sex, age etc. Partnership working with Public Health Scotland Data Analysts is underway to create a heat map highlighting A&E Attendees, repeat attendances etc. for East Renfrewshire residents for reasons such as suicidal ideation, self- harm, mental health etc.
	Evaluate and learn from local and national best practice.	Link with the Academic Advisory Group to learn about suicidal behaviour such as the connection between suicide and mental health and wellbeing risk and effective interventions for suicide prevention. Link with the National Mental Health Research Advisory Group for new research / evidence-based data to support local planning and action.	In Progress: Year 2 / 3 action In Progress: Year 2 / 3 action

