



Freedom of Information Request FOI 25 62

Suicide prevention

Query and Response:

1. Please briefly outline any training your staff receive on the below areas, including what the training covers and the named training provider if externally delivered:
 - a. Suicide prevention
 - b. Suicide postvention

DWFRS has an internally produced eLearning package on suicide prevention which is optional for all staff to complete. The Suicide Prevention Awareness module aims to help staff, recognise when a friend, family member or colleague is suffering from mental ill health. It covers [how staff might react and covers suicide the facts, and what staff can do to support.](#)

All new staters with DWFRS are required to complete a mandatory eLearning module on mental health awareness. This course gives all staff a basic awareness of mental health and the most common mental health conditions, guidance on how to support people experiencing mental health issues and make staff aware of the support and treatment available. The module also supports staff to manage their own mental health and support others both in the workplace, at home, and the public that we serve.

Our safeguarding manager has completed various suicide related training, Suicide Prevention Training , Suicide Awareness Training and SPOT (Suicide Prevention Overview Tutorial). One other member of staff also completed the SPOT training – this was the only training which was completed in 2024. All operational staff have mandatory persons in crisis training.

Other training over the last few years:

Four members of staff have completed Suicide First Aid Training (1 day) run by Dorset Council

Two members of staff have completed Suicide Awareness Training and MCA training with Dorset Council

Four members of staff have completed Suicide Prevention Training sessions through Zero Suicide Alliance delivered by Train-A-Thon

We run various campaigns around suicide including the promoting of a grass roots interactive video, which we requested all stations complete.

2. If there is suicide prevention training in place, is it currently mandatory for all staff? If the training is not mandatory, please indicate which staff it is offered to.

If there is suicide prevention training in place, please indicate how many staff members received training in 2024 in

- a. Number of total staff who received training



b. Percentage of total staff who received training

DWFRS has an internally produced eLearning package on suicide prevention which is optional for staff to complete, and this is available to all staff in our organisation. All new starters with DWFRS are required to complete a mandatory eLearning module on mental health awareness.

Seven Members of DWFRS staff have completed the optional Suicide Prevention eLearning package (from 01st April 2024 until the 01st April 2025) and this equates to approximately 0.60% of total staff.

141 members of DWFRS staff have completed the mandatory Mental Health Awareness Training. This training is required to be completed by all new starters to our organisation.

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