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To: Health Reform and Public Health Cabinet Committee

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Subject: Suicide Prevention Needs Assessment

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Future Pathway of Paper: N/A

Electoral Districts: All

Introduction:

This paper introduces the draft Suicide Prevention Needs Assessment for Kent.

Recommendation(s):

Committee Members are asked to provide comments on the needs assessment and identify any areas in which they would like to see further research.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Health Reform and Public Health Committee received an update in June 2018 regarding additional funding which the Kent and Medway STP had received in relation to suicide prevention.
- 1.2 During discussion it was mentioned that a needs assessment was to be produced. This is the needs assessment which sets out some of the latest suicide prevention statistics which have influenced the design of the STP funded programme.
- 1.3 The Committee has seen some of these statistics before but many have been updated and some are shown here in more detail.
- 1.4 Given the Committee's discussion of the suicide prevention programme activity at the June 2018 meeting, this paper doesn't repeat the details of the programme, rather it just introduces the needs assessment for Members to consider.

- 1.5 There is a wide variety of sources for suicide prevention data, therefore when new and updated information becomes available this Needs Assessment will be updated.
- 1.6 A wider Mental Health Needs Assessment is also being developed and will be presented to Members in due course.

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