

Results of the Suicide Prevention Strategy Public Consultation

- There were 50 responses to the consultation
- 42 out of 50 people agreed with the six key priorities:
 - Raising awareness of suicide, enabling conversation around suicide, and reducing stigma
 - Raising awareness of self-harm and improving pathways into treatment
 - Supporting residents who are in economic distress
 - Using a community-based approach to reduce social isolation
 - Mental health crisis provision
 - Supporting data collection, monitoring, and learning
- People emphasised the need to prioritise high risk groups within the themes. Additional text was added to the strategy to make it clear that this would be done. It will be a focus when agreeing actions for the action plan
- There was a lot of discussion around all aspects of mental health. For example, improving mental wellbeing, more preventative work before people get to crisis point, better access to mental health services, more support following a suicide attempt etc.
- There were also requests for more support services in schools and more preventative work to build resilience
- Many of the suggestions made will be taken to the new Suicide Prevention Steering Group and will be considered for the action plan
- 11 people made offers of help to support work going forward