

# Learning from deaths due to suicide, across the Avon Coroner's Court area

This report contains information about deaths from suicide and injuries of undetermined intent in Avon during the calendar year 2016. The four councils in the Avon area have a responsibility to produce action plans to help reduce the risk of suicide in their local populations.

Some of the highest risk groups in Avon are similar to those known nationally, including:

- young and middle aged men (from 30-59 years old)
- people in contact with mental health services
- people with a history of self-harm
- offenders.



## 109 DEATHS

from suicide and undetermined intent during the 2016 calendar year were reviewed by the Coroner's Court in Avon.



# 68%



of overall deaths were amongst males. This is a 2:1 ratio of male to female and is similar in each of the four local authorities:

### B&NES

71% males  
29% females



### Bristol

66% males  
34% females



### North Som.

67% males  
33% females



### South Glos.

63% males  
38% females



The largest number of deaths for males was in the

# 45-59

age group.



# 25%

of people overall had been in contact with acute mental health services in the previous year, which is very similar to the national figure.

A further 31% of people had been in contact with some sort of counselling service in the community, meaning that in total 56% of people were engaged in help in relation to their mental health.



The most common location for suicide was the person's home.



If you would like more information about our suicide prevention work, or you have been affected by the issue in some way and would like to know how to access help and support, please go to one of our local authority websites.

- ▶ Avon & Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust
- ▶ B&NES
- ▶ Bristol
- ▶ N. Som.
- ▶ South Glos.

