

## **Bath and North East Somerset Suicide Prevention Action Plan 2026-2027**

**Date:** 01/04/2026

**6 month review date:** 02/07/2026

**12 month review date:** 11/01/2027

***National Priority 1 - Improving data and evidence to ensure that effective, evidence-informed, and timely interventions continue to be developed and adapted***

**Key action for 2026-2027:** B&NES Public Health, in conjunction with Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Councils and Avon and Wiltshire Partnership NHS Trust, to develop a suicide deaths review process in line with the process for drug and alcohol related deaths.

**Responsible:** B&NES Public Health Team; Avon and Wiltshire Partnership NHS Trust; Suicide Prevention Strategic Steering Group.

**Key action for 2026-2027:** Second Step to work in partnership with B&NES Public Health and other local partners to consider local data and evidence on what courses would further enhance the Recovery College offering in the medium to long term.

**Responsible:** B&NES Public Health Team, Second Step in conjunction with B&NES Suicide Prevention Strategic Steering Group members.

***National Priority 2 - Tailored, targeted support to priority groups, including those at higher risk, to ensure there is bespoke action and that interventions are effective and accessible for everyone***

**Key action for 2026-2027:** B&NES Public Health and B&NES central commissioning team to explore funding options to enhance support offer to middle aged men. Focussed on economic, housing and employment distress.

**Responsible:** B&NES Council.

***National Priority 3 - Addressing common risk factors linked to suicide at a population level to provide early intervention and tailored support***

**Key action for 2026-2027:** B&NES Public Health to develop the B&NES Schools HUB pages to include guidance for self-harm.

**Responsible:** B&NES Public Health team.

**Key action for 2026-2027:** B&NES Public Health to increase awareness with schools and colleges around the Samaritans step by step service so that they are reassured that services are immediately available should a death occur.

**Responsible:** B&NES Public Health Team in partnership with Samaritans.

**Key action for 2026-2027:** B&NES Public Health to facilitate B&NES Drug and Alcohol Service engagement with the Suicide Prevention Strategic Steering Group.

**Responsible:** B&NES Public Health team, in collaboration with B&NES Community Drug and Alcohol Service.

***National Priority 4 - Promoting online safety and responsible media content to reduce harms, improve support and signposting, and provide helpful messages about suicide and self-harm***

**Key action for 2026-2027:** B&NES Public Health to update the B&NES Coping with a Suicide Guidance for schools and expand to cover colleges.

**Responsible:** B&NES Public Health Team.

***National Priority 5 - Providing effective crisis support across sectors for those who reach crisis point***

**Key action for 2026-2027:** Second Step intensive outreach service to be integrated within the intensive team.

**Responsible:** Second Step, B&NES central commissioning team.

**Key action for 2026-2027:** Establish a meeting between Avon and Wiltshire Partnership NHS Trust and secondary education; Norland College, Bath College, Bath Spa University, University of Bath and Second Step, to improve communication.

**Responsible:** Avon and Wiltshire Partnership NHS Trust; Norland College; Bath College; Bath Spa University; University of Bath; Second Step.

***National Priority 6 - Reducing access to means and methods of suicide where this is appropriate and necessary as an intervention to prevent suicides***

**Key action for 2026-2027:** B&NES Drug and Alcohol Service to provide naloxone training refreshers for mental health providers. Regular Naloxone training to be on offer for B&NES workforce and residents.

**Responsible:** B&NES Community Drug and Alcohol Service.

No further immediate action identified for 2026-2027 following analysis of suicide locations and methods.

***National Priority 7 - Providing effective bereavement support to those affected by suicide***

**No new actions for this priority:** Continuation of the existing service provided by the Beside Project, Second Step.

***National Priority 8 - Making suicide everybody's business so that we can maximise our collective impact and support to prevent suicides***

**Key action for 2026-2027:** B&NES Public Health to complete a mapping of training offers available in B&NES.

**Responsible:** B&NES Public Health Team.

**Key action for 2026-2027:** The Suicide Prevention Strategic Steering Group to facilitate cross-agency collaboration and best practice sharing of training offers. For example, if there are organisations with specialised knowledge around safety planning then this could be exchanges with other organisations in return for training from them.

**Responsible:** B&NES Public Health Team in conjunction with B&NES Suicide Prevention Strategic Steering Group members.