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Department: Hertfordshire County Council (Not Hertsmere Borough Council)
Title: Suicide prevention measures
Description: Information on Suicide prevention measures

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Good afternoon,

I hope you are well. Could you please treat my request for information about suicide prevention as a formal request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1a. Does your council have a multi-agency suicide prevention partnership in place? Please answer either Yes or No.

1b. Please give details as to the partnership(s) in place?

2a. Who has the council identified as being at-risk of suicide in your area? Please be specific in your answer by providing details such as gender, age, ethnicity and socio-economic status etc.

2b. How does your Suicide Prevention Plan target the above group(s)?

3a. What data do you collect on attempted suicides in your area?

3b. Is this data shared? Please answer either Yes or No.

3c. Which organisations is this data shared with? Please list them.

4a. How is the council supporting those people bereaved, or affected by, a suspected suicide?

4b. How is the council supporting women, aged 10 and above?

5a. Has the council identified high-frequency suicide locations? Please answer either Yes or No.

5b. What steps have been considered or taken to reduce the risk of suicide at such locations?

6a. How much money has been allocated to suicide prevention each financial year, since the launch of your Suicide Prevention Plan, until 2018/19?

6b. How much money of said budget has been spent and unspent in each financial year?

6c. How much money of said budget has been spent and unspent in each financial year to support the at-risk group(s) identified in Q2a?

6d. Please can you provide a full breakdown of how you spent suicide prevention funds in each financial year?

7a. How much money has your council allocated to mental health generally in each financial year, since the launch of your Suicide Prevention Plan, until 2018/19?

7b. How much money of said budget has been spent and unspent in each financial year?

If you cannot answer all these questions, please call to discuss what information you could supply at the earliest opportunity on 01206 508 334.

Please acknowledge this FOI request by reply with a reference on receipt.

If I'm mistaken and the information requested is already in the public domain, or if you've already published a similar response, please direct me to where I can find it. If you have published some of the requested information already but not all, can you please point me towards what you had already published and fill in the gaps by reply?

If you feel you cannot provide all of this information, please provide what information you can in the spirit of Section 16 of FOI, to "provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made requests for information".

Please send me the information by email in an Excel (xls) document and not a PDF.

I look forward to hearing from you promptly, and at any rate, within the statutory time limit of 20 working days from your receipt of this email.

Whilst writing, I take this opportunity to remind you of the Information Commissioner's public statements, in which he has stated that there is a "presumption of disclosure" under FOI.

Please note that if this request for FOI disclosure is refused, I reserve the right to take up the matter with the Information Commissioner and/or to pursue all legal avenues of appeal. I trust this will not be necessary.

Thanks in advance for your help.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this service is not provided at a district level but by the County Council.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you.

Kind regards
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