

Torbay Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Alliance

Terms of Reference

January 2021

1. Purpose

The Torbay Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Alliance was set up in December 2020 to work collaboratively to promote strong and successful partnerships between organisations to ensure support across the continuum of mental health.

2. Membership

Membership to the alliance is open to experts by experience across all age ranges. Current membership includes the following organisations:

- Torbay Council
- Devon Partnership Trust
- Children & Family Health Devon
- Devon Clinical Commissioning Group
- Paignton & Brixham Primary Care Network
- Torbay & South Devon NHS Foundation Trust
- Devon & Cornwall Police
- Devon Healthwatch
- Torbay Community Development Trust
- Age UK Torbay
- Action to Prevent Suicide
- Step One

Members need to be able to:

- Represent their organisation/agency whilst also acting collectively in accordance with the decision making of the alliance and wider partnerships
- Respect confidential information shared in the alliance
- Declare a conflict of interest where necessary and exclude themselves from specific agenda items at network group meetings
- Where nominated, represent the alliance
- Represent the view of the alliance rather than their own organisation

3. Accountability

- To provide regular updates and reports to the alliance on progress made to achieve objectives set out below

4. Values and Principles

- The network group ethos is to ensure equality; transparency; fairness and equity in all activities and communications

5. Objectives

- To enable early identification and rapid response to people of all ages where there is evidence of escalating levels of distress, deteriorating mental health, self-harm or suicidal intent
- To seek to identify gaps in provision to meet need which will help inform commissioning and local development.
- To identify and map local resources aimed at promoting the mental wellbeing of the people of Torbay.
- To promote clear pathways of support across the continuum of mental health.
- To ensure a trained, supported and informed workforce;
- To develop consistent public health messages across organisations with regards to mental health.
- To share resources and promote community collaboration.
- To share and encourage the development of learning, good practice, knowledge and skills across the county in both community and targeted services.
- To seek out opportunity to promote mental wellbeing across Torbay.

6. Meetings

- Online Platform using Microsoft Teams as preferred option to ensure membership attendance
- Minimum of monthly
- Shared action plan will help to formulate alliance meeting agendas

7. Review

These Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually