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Suicide Prevention Planning Masterclasses

NSPA Annual Members' Meeting

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Introduction

9 regional events were held across England between November 2016 – March 2017 plus a webinar

Objectives

- To introduce the new national guidance *Local Suicide Prevention Planning*
- To facilitate local suicide prevention planning and improvement activity (with an overview of national progress and the wider policy context for the guidance)
- To promote partnership working

Audience

A total of 546 attendees from a wide range of local authorities, CCGs and wider partners.

Breakdown as follows:

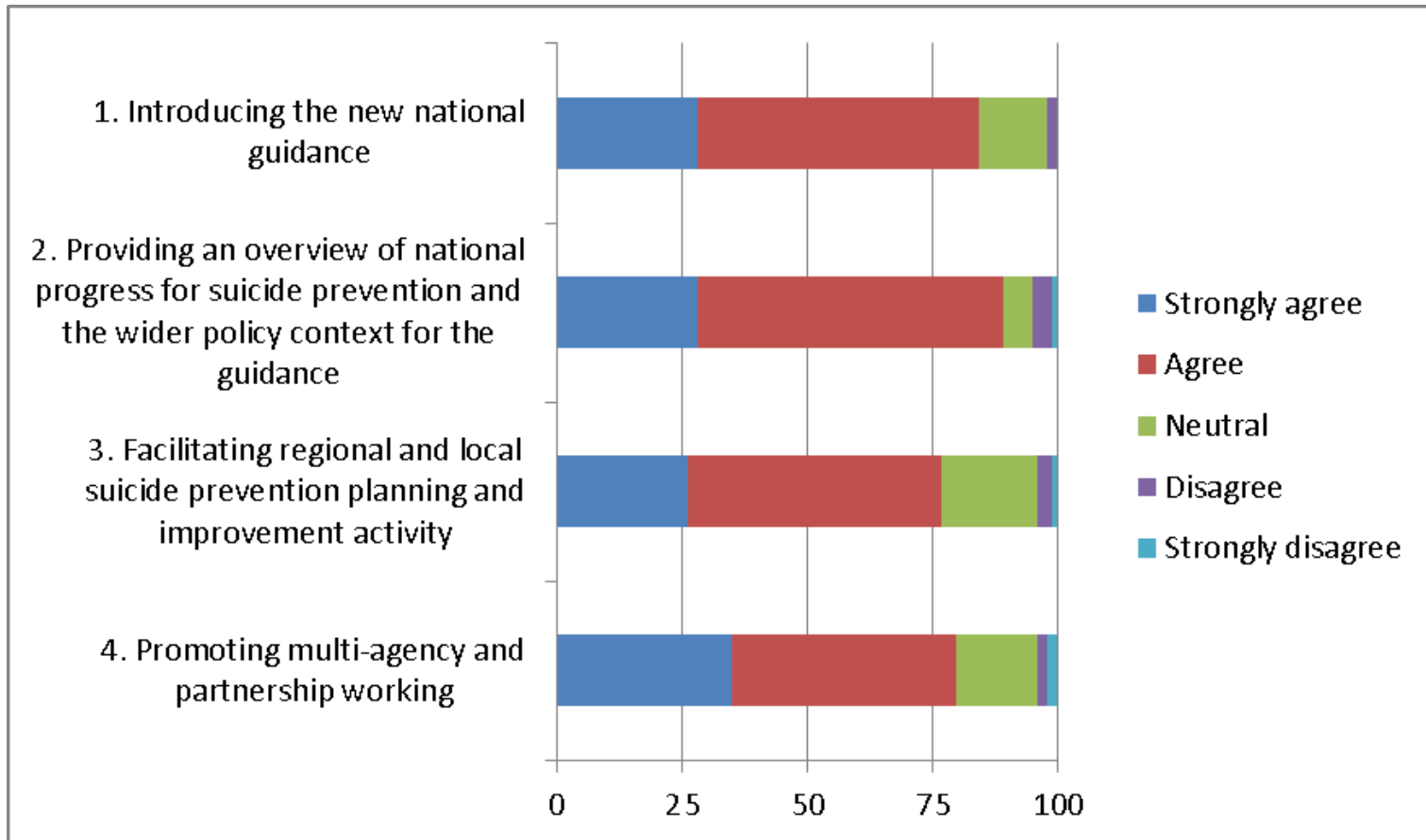
Local authorities	36%
Health service (CCG, NHS E, NHS Trust)	23%
Justice (prison, probation, police)	16%
Third sector/education	13%

79% of local authorities were represented (121 of 152).

Format

- Morning sessions: national policy and context setting including a welcome from the Secretary of State (video), presentation from PHE, national priorities and evidence for action, role of NSPA and support available.
- Afternoon: national sessions led into to regionally/ locally focussed presentations and discussions from late morning into the afternoon.

Feedback



At least 75% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that each objective was met.

Sum up in one word



What is the most important thing you have learnt?

- **Improved knowledge and understanding, or greater insights gained**
- **Confirmation or reassurance of current priorities, approaches or experiences**
- **Benefits derived from coming together**
- **Identification of gaps or challenges to be addressed**
- **Actions to take forward from the event**

Emerging themes from feedback and the write-up of the events

- The need to ensure that the investment in suicide prevention coming into the system makes its way to the right places
- The need to ensure that we maximise on the opportunities the current political and policy environment presents
- More examples of good practice and support needed to aid implementation at a local level
- Importance of wider context/ determinants of health not fully-reflected in national policy objectives
- More in-depth quality assurance and identification of good practice and sharing with areas

Emerging themes from feedback and the write-up of the events

- Challenges to traditional provider and commissioning models
 - need for more innovative approaches e.g. sport and supporting people in non-traditional settings
- Need to work collaboratively and at scale
- The voices and input of those who have been through suicidal crises themselves needs to be given greater consideration including support for carers.
- Greater links and collaboration needed between health & justice and wider suicide prevention systems

Emerging themes from feedback and the write-up of the events

- More needs to be done to address issues around social media and the role the internet plays in suicide – as well as maximising the benefits
- Primary care; more training and awareness-raising needed.
- Workforce development – cultivating healthy workplaces and ensuring workplaces adequately equipped to respond to staff suicides
- There is an increasing focus on data and real-time surveillance/ early-alert systems.
- Improving the mental health literacy and resilience of children and young people

Your thoughts?

- Were you there?
- Does feedback chime with your views?
- Anything you would like to add?
- How can we all work together to progress this further?



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Thank you

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