

Student Health & Wellbeing
Suicide Prevention Plan
2022-2025

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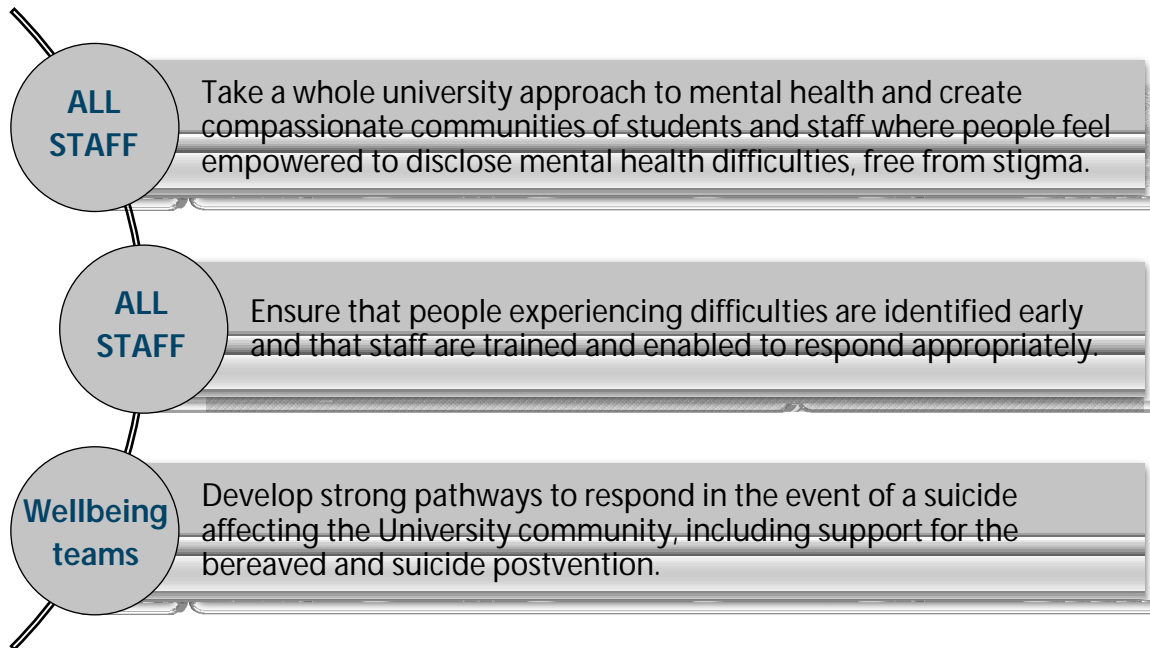
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Statement of Purpose

Suicide is the leading cause of death young people in the UK. Student suicides are devastating for friends and family, and often have profound impacts on the wider community of students and staff. Universities play a key role in helping to prevent suicides. This requires a whole-university approach and working in close partnership with students, parents, local government and the NHS.

The University of London recognises that:

Objectives



Implementation

Dr Adrian Clark (Student Health & Wellbeing Manager) will lead on implementing this plan. Each action listed in the risk assessment and action plan below indicates which staff groups will be involved.

Monitoring and reporting

VCEG will receive a monthly report on numbers of “student of concern” cases and safeguarding cases identified across all student-facing departments. Progress toward the actions outlined in this plan will be displayed in a dashboard and action tracker, and included in the monthly report.

Suicide safety risk assessment and action plan

	Hazard	Risk categories	Severity	Likelihood	Action by April 2022	Action by April 2023	Action by April 2024
1	Students and staff feeling unable to disclose mental health difficulties and/or access support, or not knowing how to do so	Individual wellbeing	Moderate	Moderate	Join Zero Suicide Alliance (SHWB) Create an online hub for students experiencing difficulties, with information and resources about suicide awareness and prevention, and directing them to the appropriate staff and services for their part of the University (SHWB & Communications)	Actively promote Zero Suicide Alliance campaign activities (Communications, Libraries, SAS, ULIP, Worldwide & Residential Services)	Extend Look After Your Mate training to students across the University (SAS, ULIP & Residential Services)
2	Students, staff, and third parties being unaware of how to raise a concern about a student or colleague	Individual wellbeing	Moderate	Moderate	Online hub (see line1)	Develop a report and support policy and procedure (SHWB)	Look after Your Mate (see line 1)

3 Incorrect, inappropriate



Hazard

Risk categories

Severity

Likelihood

Action by April 2022

Action by April 2023

Action by April 2024

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7	Family or other supporters being unaware that a student needed help with mental health difficulties	Individual wellbeing Legal / duty of care Reputational	Severe	Moderate	Review welcome and induction communications for all departments to ensure students are encouraged to involve those who care for them (



