



Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Suicide Prevention Innovation Fund

Funding is available for innovative community-based Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (IoS) projects to help reduce the numbers of people taking their own lives.

During 2016-2018 we saw an average of 70 deaths per year by suicide or injury of undetermined intent in Cornwall and IoS, and this equates to more than one death per week. Rates for Cornwall and IoS at 14.3 per 100,000 people are significantly higher than suicide rates in both England (9.6) and the South West (11.1) and every one of those deaths is a tragedy for the family, friends and community of those who died.

We also know that the suicide rate among men in Cornwall and IoS is three times higher than the rate among women. The rate is highest in men aged 35-64 years, followed by men aged over 65 years. Whilst rates are lower among young people, suicide remains a leading cause of avoidable death in this group.

We have an active Towards Zero movement in Cornwall and IoS, with the reasoning behind a zero target being that it acknowledges suicide as a preventable death - not an inevitable death - and it is a way of communicating and engaging with the wider community to concentrate efforts to prevent suicides.

£70,000 of funding is being made available for this initiative with a particular focus on reducing suicide by middle aged men, by people in treatment services, and reducing self-harm within local communities. Any community group, charity or organisation can apply for the funding.

Community groups have the opportunity to apply for funding up to £10,000 to support projects designed to prevent suicide and reduce self-harm.

We know that in the right hands, a little can go a long way, so we want your ideas about how to save lives across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.

Please note: there will be no interview process, so please include all relevant information in your application to support our decision-making process.

The deadline for applications is 31 July 2020.

Suicide Prevention Fund application process

Stage 1: Applications to be completed and returned to us at phdesk@cornwall.gov.uk

The following questions form the application:

- What is your project?
- Why is it needed?
- Does anything else exist like it?



- How will it be delivered in your local area?
- Is this a new proposal or are you currently being funded to deliver the proposal, and this is a top up?
- What are the project's bespoke objectives?
- How will you know you have achieved the set outcomes and the bespoke objectives?
- Is your organisation commissioned by Cornwall Council or Kernow Clinical Commissioning Group? This does not preclude you from applying.

Stage 2: Bids will be considered by a small panel from the multi-agency Suicide Prevention Group. The panel will include representation from Public Health, Clinical Commissioning Group and, where possible, people impacted by suicide.

The panel will consider:

- What impact the project will have
- How it will be delivered
- How it will involve the people it is trying to support
- Whether it is sustainable when the money runs out.

If successful, applicants will be required to:

- Monitor the outcomes they expect to deliver
- Give quarterly reports on progress
- Spend the funding within 12 months
- Produce a final report (of approx. two pages in a template provided)
- Produce at least one qualitative case study demonstrating the project's impact (which is publishable i.e. consent needs to be given)

Who can apply

We can only accept applications from organisations which are formally constituted (e.g. registered charity, parish council, community interest company, limited company or public sector body who have their own bank account and invoicing abilities).

Apply

Please download and complete the application. Once complete please email to **phdesk@cornwall.gov.uk**

If you have any questions about the application process or require more information, please email: **phdesk@cornwall.gov.uk**