



SECURITY CONSORTIUM

FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE

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“Suicides are a serious public health problem, but they are also a serious security problem”



Vicki Vidler

MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDER

Security is a basic need and those vulnerable to suicide are in desperate need of security when they are in a crisis. The very definition of security is that ‘security is the state of being free from danger or threat’. In this understanding, the security profession has a responsibility and key role in preventing suicide and to reduce the danger and threat of suicide.

As keeping people safe and secure is our business, we have an opportunity to use our expertise coupled with innovation to tackle this as a community of people dedicated to protecting others.

It is acknowledged that there is a lot of great work already going on in the security profession to help prevent suicide, but the missing piece for us as a profession, is a dedicated mission control centre. It is out of this need that the Security Consortium for the Prevention of Suicide is being formed, and we will work tirelessly to protect those in their most vulnerable moments.

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ABOUT US

We are a network of security organisations in the public and private sector working as a consortium to prevent suicide. We are guided by professionals in suicide prevention including the Samaritans and leading academic experts in the field of suicidology.

Our vision is that all people contemplating suicide, receive help and support from the security profession to stay alive.

Our mission is to save lives by pooling together security resources, skills and technology in order to prevent suicides.

To achieve the mission we've set out the following objectives which underpin our strategy:

- Increase capacity and capability dedicated to suicide prevention.
- Learn from other Consortium members by sharing skills and expertise.
- Improve suicide prevention activities through the developments of standards and best practice.
- Develop new and innovative ways of tackling suicide prevention services through the creative interaction of ideas.

OUR STRATEGY

COLLABORATION

- Increase collaboration and coordination between private and public security.
- Promote sharing of actionable information.

INNOVATION

- Develop and implement scalable preventative technology.
- Work with partners to reduce access to means of suicide.

CAPABILITY


- Building a supportive and stigma free culture in security.
- Provide suicide prevention training across the security profession.

WHY JOIN THE SCPS?

BENEFITS TO YOUR ORGANISATION

1. A STEP AHEAD IN ESG

Your organisation will be one step ahead in its ESG commitments. SCPS will be at the cutting edge of suicide prevention efforts within the security profession. The social impact of mental health investments will increasingly become a strategic priority for Boards. Becoming a Consortium member will ensure your ESG strategy is fit for purpose when it comes to mental health and suicide prevention.



2. DOING YOUR BIT TO PREVENT SUICIDE

Suicide in many cases can be prevented and by doing your bit you can help to prevent suicides and prevent the immense trauma experienced by those bereaved by suicide.

3. ACCESS TO RESOURCES

You will have access to established networks and resources aimed at sharing skills and expertise, best practice and getting involved in collaborative initiatives.

WHAT IS A CONSORTIUM?

It is a formal arrangement between organisations working together to a defined mission, by signing up to a Memorandum of Understanding. It is an agreement to cooperate and rise above any corporate differences in order to do good for society, through working and learning together.

WHY FORM A CONSORTIUM?

Consortium membership is based on shared values, this facilitates a strong bond of trust which is vital to information sharing and making an impact. The consortium ideal of 'openness and working together' is aligned with public policy thinking which will help ensure suicide prevention initiatives have lasting impact.

HOW CAN A CONSORTIUM STRUCTURE HELP WITH SUICIDE PREVENTION?

- Learning from other Consortium members by sharing skills and expertise.
- Improvements to suicide prevention through the developments of standards and best practice.
- Development of new and innovative ways of tackling suicide prevention services through the creative interaction of ideas.
- An increase in capacity and capability dedicated to suicide prevention.