


Suicide Awareness Alert

This alert has been issued because of specific intelligence relating to suicide activity on the rail network which it is believed may prompt individuals to take their own lives.


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Issued by: Ian Stevens	
Applicable to: (state route(s)/TOCs/other)	LNWN and Merseyrail

<p>Nature of alert:</p> <p><u>Suicide of adolescent at Drummond Road Crossing on 17 April 2015</u></p> <p>At 21:40 on Friday 17 April 2015 a 16 year old girl took her life at Drummond Road footpath crossing in Hoylake.</p> <p>The event was widely reported in the local press because the girl's mother had recently been murdered.</p> <p>Anniversary dates of 'sensational' events such as this one have the potential to attract vulnerable people to the same location to take their lives.</p> 	<p>Recommended action:</p> <p>Network Rail and TOC staff in and around the area should be especially vigilant for anyone showing signs of distress or upset in particularly in the evening peak.</p> <p>Where possible additional patrols in and around the crossing should be undertaken by BTP officers or Network Rail personnel.</p> <p>The anniversary of this tragic event could also be marked by members of the public leaving 'remembrance' or 'memorial' tokens. These should be removed at the earliest opportunity in line with the industry's guidance on 'Fatality memorials/tributes on the network'.</p> <p>This is the first anniversary of the event. The crossing is likely to attract a lot of interest which may result in an increase in the number of people using it.</p>
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BTP Suicide Prevention Hotline - If rail staff have an immediate concern that a person might harm themselves on the railway they can call the BTP on **0300 123 9101**



Individuals requiring emotional support can call Samaritans any time, free from any phone on **116 123**

The rail industry's award winning suicide prevention Learning Tool can be found at: www.nspsglearningtool.co.uk. Watching the 30 minute briefing module might just save someone's life.

The compiler of this alert should forward it to the NRNOC Duty Manager at: generic-NCC@networkrail.co.uk