


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: D Cook	

Applicable to: (state route(s)/TOCs/other)	Sussex GTR
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<p>Nature of alert:</p> <p><u>16 year old school boy took his life at Wivelsfield on 31 July 2014</u></p> <p>On 31 July 2014 at 19:30 a 16 year old male took his life by standing in front of a train at Wivelsfield station. The event saw lots of media attention and memorials at the scene.</p>  <p>Anniversary dates of 'sensational' events such as this one have the potential to attract:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">vulnerable people to the same location to take their lives;well-wishers to the site to lay tokens of remembrance.	<p>Recommended action:</p> <p>Consideration should be given to Network Rail, train operator staff or BTP officers visiting the station on the anniversary date of the event to be on the look-out for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">anyone showing signs of distress or upset particularly early evening. The event took place at 19:30;any tokens of remembrance which in line with the industry guidance ('Fatality memorials/tributes on the network') should be removed promptly. <p>It may be advisable to alert all FOCs and TOCs that have services that pass through Wivelsfield that there may be an increased number of people at that location during the day as they look to mark the anniversary of the death.</p>
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Individuals requiring emotional support can call Samaritans any time, free from any phone on **116 123**

Should you wish to comment on the content of this alert please contact Daniel Cook.

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**



The rail industry's award winning suicide prevention Learning Tool can be found at: www.npspllearningtool.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:
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