

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)	LNE Northern Rail
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Nature of alert: <u>17 year old male took his life at Albion Street level crossing, Castleford on 20 August 2014</u> On 20 August 2014 at approximately 18:00 a 17 year old male attempted to take his life by standing in front of a train at Albion Street level crossing in Castleford. He was struck by the train but survived the impact. However five days later he succumbed to his injuries in hospital. Anniversary dates of 'sensational' events such as this one – because of the boys age - have the potential to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• attract vulnerable people to the same location to take their lives;• attract well-wishers to the site to lay tokens of remembrance;• trigger memories for rail staff	Recommended action: 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• anyone showing signs of distress or upset particularly early evening;• any tokens of remembrance which in line with the industry guidance ('Fatality memorials/tributes on the network') should be removed promptly. Managers of staff who may have been involved in the incident or could be affected by its anniversary should look out for signs of trauma amongst them and offer appropriate support.
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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.npsplearningtool.co.uk. Watching the 30 minute briefing module might just save someone's life.

The compiler of this alert should forward it to the NRNO Duty Manager at:
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