

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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| Date Issued: 17 October 2016 | Date(s) applicable: 9 November 2016 |
| Issued by: Ariane Ally | |

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| Applicable to: <i>(state route(s)/TOCs/other)</i> | LNW and Virgin West Coast |
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| <p>Nature of alert:</p> <p><u>A 20 year old woman took her life at Church Lane CCTV level crossing on 09 November 2014</u></p> <p>This young woman took her life two weeks after her boyfriend had also died when he was hit by a train the same area. She gained access to the crossing by squeezing through one of the barriers which had been lowered for an approaching train.</p> <p>Anniversary dates of ‘sensational’ events like this 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 visiting the crossing on the day to 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 18:15;groups/individuals loitering around the crossing seeking to pay their respects and the potential impact they could have on the safe operation of the railway. All TOCs and FOCs using the crossing should be alerted to this possibility;any tokens of remembrance which in line with industry guidance should be removed promptly. |
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 Individuals requiring emotional support can call Samaritans any time, free from any phone on **116 123**

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.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