

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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Applicable to: <i>(state route(s)/TOCs/other)</i>	Wessex
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<p>Nature of alert:</p> <p><u>A 17 year old boy took his life near Andover station on 14 November 2014</u></p> <p>The boy was struck by a freight train near Artists Way overbridge which is where it is thought he gained access to the railway.</p> <p>Anniversary dates of 'sensational' events like 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>The event was widely reported in the local press and because of the boys age, prompts concern two years on that his friends may be particularly emotionally moved on the anniversary of his death.</p>	<p>Recommended action:</p> <p>The boy took his life at around 01:00 which suggests a low risk of activity by well-wishers at that time. Consideration may therefore best be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">confirming the integrity of the fencing around the overbridge ahead of the anniversary date to thwart the attempts of anyone seeking to gain access to the railway there;reviewing the suicide prevention measures at Andover station to;<ul style="list-style-type: none">limit potential access to the railway therepromote help seeking behaviour amongst those who may be vulnerable to suicide and choose to visit the location.
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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 Ariane Ally.

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.

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