

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 route/Operator:	Sussex/South West
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<p>Nature of alert:</p> <p><u>On 23 February 2016, a 17 year old boy took his life at Hinton Admiral station at 12:55</u></p> <p>This tragic event led to floral tributes being left on a bridge near the station and there is the possibility of similar activity on the first anniversary, hence publication of this alert.</p> <p>Anniversary dates such as this – because of the boy’s age – have the potential to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• attract vulnerable people to the same location to take their own lives• attract mourners to the site to hold vigils which may impact upon the safety and operation of the railway• trigger memories for rail staff involved in the incident• lead to memorial tokens being left at the scene	<p>Recommended action:</p> <p>Consideration should be given to Network Rail, staff of operators or BTP officers visiting the location of the incident on its anniversary around the time it took place to be on the look-out for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• persons showing signs of distress or upset who may be at risk of suicide, or mourners gathering in acts of remembrance• any tokens of remembrance, which in line with industry guidance should be removed• it may be advisable to alert all operators that have services passing through Hinton Admiral of the potential for mourners on or near the station <p>Managers of staff who may have been involved in the incident or could be affected by its anniversary should look for signs of trauma amongst them and offer support as per their own organisation’s welfare arrangements</p>
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<p>Support and additional information</p> <p>Should you wish to comment on the content of this alert please contact Victoria Clent at victoria.clent@networkrail.co.uk</p> <p> Individuals requiring emotional support can call Samaritans any time, free from any phone on 116 123</p> <p>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</p> <p>To find out more about the rail industry’s suicide prevention programme contact: suicidepreventionprogramme@networkrail.co.uk</p>	<p>BTP Suicide Prevention Hotline - If rail staff have an immediate concern that a person might harm themselves or be at risk on the railway they can call the BTP on 0300 123 9101</p> <p></p> <p><i>The compiler of this alert should forward it to the NRNOC Duty Manager at:</i> generic-NCC@networkrail.co.uk</p>
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