

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/GTR
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Local suicide prevention representatives:	Tobi Shear-Smith (Network Rail) - 07730 361934 Patrick Clements (GTR) - 07711 149254
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Nature of alert: <u>On 31 July 2014, a 16 year old boy took his own life at Wivelsfield Station shortly after 19:30</u> Although the local school pupil appeared happy and popular, there have been suggestions that he was being bullied. This event generated a lot of local media attention due to the boy's age and the unexpected nature of the event. The anniversary date could possibly: <ul style="list-style-type: none">attract vulnerable people to the same location to take their own livesattract mourners to the site to hold vigils which may impact upon the safety and operation of the railwaytrigger memories for rail staff involved in the incident or the regular commuters who witnessed it	Recommended action: Consideration should be given to Network Rail, staff of operators or BTP officers visiting the location of the incident around the time it took place to be on the look-out for: <ul style="list-style-type: none">persons showing signs of distress or upset who may be at risk of suicide or mourners gathering in an acts of remembranceany tokens of remembrance, which in line with industry guidance should be removed In addition it may be advisable to alert all FOCs and TOCs passing through Wivelsfield of the potential for mourners. 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 organisation's welfare arrangements.
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Support and additional information

Should you wish to comment on the content of this alert please contact Victoria Clent at victoria.clent@networkrail.co.uk



Individuals requiring emotional support can call Samaritans any time, free from any phone on **116 123**

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

To find out more about the rail industry's suicide prevention programme contact:
suicidepreventionprogramme@networkrail.co.uk

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**

The compiler of this alert should forward it to the NRNOC Duty Manager at:
generic-NCC@networkrail.co.uk