

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:	LNW / Northern
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Local suicide prevention representatives:	Richard Godwin (Network Rail) - 07713 301240 David Wilkinson (Northern) - 07826 535752
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<p>Nature of alert:</p> <p><u>On 29 August 2016, a 16 year old boy was found dead on the tracks near Bramhall station at 01:00</u></p> <p>It had been three days since the young male had received his GCSE results. He was a popular student and his death led to memorial activity from his peer group and fellow school pupils.</p> <p>This type of event – because of the boy’s age and the media activity at the time of the incident – could possibly lead to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">vulnerable people being attracted to the same location to take their own livesmourners arriving at the site to hold vigils, which may impact upon the safety and operation of the railwaymemories being triggered for rail staff involved in the incident	<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/around the date/time of the event to 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 an acts of remembranceany tokens of remembrance, which in line with industry guidance should be removed <p>There may be a higher risk of a repeat event at this location in the next few weeks given the suicide of a 20 year old man there on 25 July.</p> <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 organisation’s welfare arrangements.</p>
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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.npsgllearningtool.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:
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