

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.

Date Issued: 17 December 2017	Date(s) applicable: 07 January 2018
Issued by: Victoria Clent	

Applicable route/operator:	LNE / Northern
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Local suicide prevention representatives:	Alex Sullivan-Wilson (Network Rail) - 07920 401951 David Wilkinson (Northern) - 07826 535752
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<p>Nature of alert:</p> <p><u>On 7 January 2015, a 17 year old boy took his life on the tracks near Chapeltown Station at approximately 21:15</u></p> <p>This tragic event received a lot of media attention at the time. Memorial activity has previously taken place around the station and further incidents there on 09 October 2015 and 30 August 2017 have led to this alert being issued past the usual two year limit.</p> <p>This anniversary date could possibly:</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	<p>Recommended action:</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• persons showing signs of distress or upset who may be at risk of suicide• any tokens of remembrance, which in line with industry guidance should be removed• mourners gathering which may impact on the operational railway <p>Consideration might also be given to promoting the industry's <i>Small Talk Saves Lives</i> campaign locally around this time.</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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<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.npsglearningtool.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>The compiler of this alert should forward it to the NRNOC Duty Manager at: generic-NCC@networkrail.co.uk</p>
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