

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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Local suicide prevention representatives:	Jess Buckpitt (Network Rail/SWT) - 07468 707935

Nature of alert: <u>On 23 February 2016, a 17 year old boy took his life at Hinton Admiral station at 12:55</u> This tragic event led to floral tributes being left on a bridge near the station. The local community were shocked by this event and there is a possibility that the second anniversary could prompt more memorial activity. Further events at this station on 1 st and 23 rd October 2017 also mean that on this anniversary there is an increased likelihood of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">vulnerable people being attracted to the same location to take their own livesmourners attending the site to hold vigils which may impact upon the safety and operation of the railwayrail staff involved in the incident having memories triggered	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 It might also be appropriate to promote the industry's <i>Small Talk Saves Lives</i> campaign locally around this time to heighten community awareness of suicide prevention. 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	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
 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: suicideprevention@raildeliverygroup.com	The compiler of this alert should forward it to the NRNOC Duty Manager at: generic-NCC@networkrail.co.uk