Each month we will be focusing on a different safeguarding theme to raise awareness and signpost to resources.

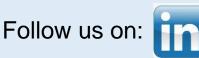


For May, our theme is **Mental Health Awareness**

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Mental Health



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> This month we want to raise awareness about mental health.

- ≻ May is Mental Health Awareness Month.
- The 13th-19th May 2024 is Mental Health Awareness Week organised by the <u>Mental Health Foundation</u> – the theme is 'Movement: Moving more for our mental health.'
- Swindon Safeguarding Partnership is supporting this initiative and we want to raise awareness about the information and resources available.
- Over the next few slides we have provided you with some links to useful resources and websites. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.
- Special thanks for assistance in developing this resource to Polly Simpkins and Richard Steptoe, Public Mental Health, Swindon. Judith Vosper, and Gareth Draper-Green, MIND Swindon & Gloucester.



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Mental Health

- In many ways, mental health is just like physical health: everybody has it and we need to take care of it.
- Good mental health means being generally able to think, feel and react in the ways that you need and want to live your life. But if you go through a period of poor mental health you might find the ways you're frequently thinking, feeling or reacting become difficult, or even impossible, to cope with. This can feel just as bad as a physical illness, or even worse.
- Mental health problems affect around one in four people in any given year. They range from common problems, such as <u>depression</u> and <u>anxiety</u>, to rarer problems such as <u>schizophrenia</u> and <u>bipolar disorder</u>.



Source: What are mental health problems? - Mind



Mental Health

One in four adults and one in 10 children experience mental illness, and many more of us know and care for people who do. Source: <u>NHS England » Mental health</u>

Further information can be found <u>Mental health statistics:</u> prevalence, services and funding in England - House of <u>Commons Library (parliament.uk)</u>





Mental Health Facts and Statistics

How common are mental health problems?

- 1 in 4 people will experience a mental health problem of some kind each year in England [1].
- 1 in 6 people report experiencing a common mental health problem (like anxiety and depression) in any given week in England [2].

Suicidal thoughts and self-harm aren't mental health diagnoses. But they are related to mental health.

- Over the course of someone's lifetime [2]:
- 1 in 5 people have suicidal thoughts
- 1 in 14 people <u>self-harm</u>
- 1 in 15 people attempt suicide.
- Women are more likely to have suicidal thoughts and make suicide attempts than men [2]. But men are 3 times more likely to take their own life than women [4].





Source: Mental health facts and statistics - Mind

Children and Young People



10% of children and young people (aged 5-16 years) have a clinically diagnosable mental health problem, yet 70% of children and adolescents who experience mental health problems have not had appropriate interventions at a sufficiently early age.

(Children's Society, 2008)



Source: Children and young people: statistics | Mental Health Foundation

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Explore Mental Health

Find out more about how rates of mental ill-health differ between men and women? Or the costs of mental health problems in the UK and around the world?

Below are a selection of the key statistics related to mental health, including statistics on:

- <u>diagnosed mental health conditions</u>
- things that can affect your mental health
- groups of people and communities





Mental Health and Wellbeing in Swindon

Key facts on Mental Health and Wellbeing taken from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for Swindon – updated March 2024 - <u>PowerPoint Presentation (swindonjsna.co.uk)</u> (this will go into your downloads folder)

- An estimated 34,100 people (15.3%) in Swindon aged 16-74 years living with a common mental disorder (CMD), defined as any type of depression or anxiety.
- Data from GP registers indicates that in 2020/21, Swindon had 22,766 people with diagnosed depression (11.9% of adults), and over 2,000 of these were new diagnoses in the past year.
- Number of depression diagnoses in Swindon fell in 2019/20 and 2020/21, in line with the national trend. However, an ONS analysis of national trends in GP diagnosed depression in the adult population during the first wave of the pandemic compared to pre-pandemic levels showed that depression diagnoses as a percentage of all diagnoses increased slightly.
- Largest increases in new diagnoses were seen in people aged 45 years and older, people from the Chinese ethnic group, and among people living in the second most deprived areas. This may indicate that many people are not accessing medical help.
- In 2020/21, there were 10,500 people in Swindon in contact with NHS secondary mental health, learning disabilities and autism services, of whom 2% (195 people) required hospital admission.

Approximately a third (34%) of these people were aged under 18.





Mental Health and Wellbeing in Swindon continued

- Over a three year period from 2018-2020, 52 people (aged 10+ years) died by suicide in Swindon. This is a rate of 9.1 per 100,000, similar to the England rate of 10.4 and slightly lower than the rate for the South West at 11.6. Of these, 78% were male.
- In 2020/21, there were 735 emergency hospital admissions in Swindon for intentional self-harm. This is a higher rate than other areas across the South West and England (340.7 per 100,000 compared with 249.4 and 181.2 per 100,000 respectively). Trends show that Swindon's rate has been consistently higher than England since 2010/11 with some fluctuations year on year. The rate peaked in 2018/19 at 407.0 per 100,000 but has dropped down since.





Mental Health and Wellbeing in Swindon continued

- Hoarding Disorder (HD) is a mental health condition where people may hold onto possessions that others may see as no longer useful. However, for the individual these possessions may be seen as a vital coping strategy. In some cases it can lead to living spaces becoming unsafe, unusable, present a fire risk, and even lead to eviction. The International Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Foundation estimates that between 2%-6% of the population lives with HD.
- Based on Swindon's population estimates, this would translate to between 4,400 and 13,320 people. About 5% of these people are likely to come into contact with local authorities. Swindon Borough Council offers a long term support service for people impacted by self-neglect and hoarding and who feel able and willing to make a change.
- Speak to Live Well for more information Contact the Live Well Swindon Hub



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Public Health – Mental Health updates

- Swindon Public Mental Health strategy and action plan (launched February 2023) details how public health will work together with stakeholders to promote and improve mental health.
- Key priority areas are;
 - Suicide and self-harm prevention, with a particular focus on children and young people: work with partners to identify the challenges, explore points of intervention and develop a joint approach to reduce self-harm and suicide in Swindon.
 - Mental health in boys and men: explore avenues to promote better mental wellbeing and support them to seek help.
- Progress to date includes:
 - Swindon Locality Suicide Prevention and Self-harm meeting meets quarterly to provide leadership, oversight and partnership working to reduce the rate of suicide and self-harm within Swindon in line with national and local strategy and policy.
 - Swindon Locality Suicide Prevention Action Plan the priority areas reflect those identified within the National Strategy – the above group are working through the actions in 2024/25, now the plan has been agreed.

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Public Health – Mental Health Updates

- **BSW Suicide Prevention Refresh Strategy –** due for release shortly. Priorities identified are postvention and bereavement support services, suicide awareness raising and continued training of partners and collection of high quality, real-time suicide data across BSW. Middle aged men and younger aged adults were identified by the working group as priority groups.
- Rethink Swindon Suicide Bereavement service Swindon and Wiltshire Support after Suicide Service from Rethink Mental Illness commenced in Swindon in December 2023. Providing support to those of any age in Swindon and Wiltshire who are bereaved by suicide e.g. family, friends and people exposed to suicide e.g. witnesses, first responders, neighbours, colleagues and health and social care professionals. The service is free to access. Swindon and Wiltshire Support After Suicide (rethink.org)
- QES Swindon real time suicide surveillance system and national and regional surveillance launched in June 2023 this system enables suspected suicides to be logged onto the system and each death discussed with partners to ascertain whether there are any commonalities, themes and if there are any preventative measures which could have been taken, areas of service improvement and good practice. SBC Public Health team are signed up to the national suicide surveillance dashboards and work with colleagues across the South West on Suicide prevention and surveillance.



Public Health – Mental Health Updates

- Suicide prevention training SBC Public Health are developing a robust all age suicide prevention training package for professionals across the Swindon. Aim of the training is to upskill the local workforce to feel more confident in recognising and responding to adults and children who maybe experiencing suicidal ideation.
- Men and Boys Mental Health Currently completing an audit of services in Swindon that exist to support the men and boy's mental health agenda. The aim of this is to enable us to identify any gaps in service provision across the system. A survey is being developed and focus groups for boys and men across Swindon will be taking place, so we can hear 'their voices' on how they can better be supported.

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Public Health – Mental Health Updates continued

- BSW Youth worker in Great Western Hospital BSW ICB have funding from NHS England for a 12-month pilot starting early 2024, designed to better support Children and Young People who present at hospital Emergency Departments and those admitted to Children's and Adults Wards and Paediatric Assessment Units with long term conditions who are displaying low-medium level poor mental health needs, concerns or issues. The objective is to provide youth workers across the 3 Acute hospitals in BSW Great Western Hospital (GWH) being the acute hospital in Swindon. They will support the children and young people and be a link to longer term support available in the community.
- Swindon Mindful Employers Network Commissioned by SBC, the provider, Business West, has relaunched the Swindon Mindful Employer Network. The events are aimed at promoting and improving mental health in the work place to businesses of Swindon. There are a series of events planned throughout the year with the next planned for May 2024 see slide for further information. A Workplace Mental Health Toolkit is also in development with the intention of it being trialled by SBC and then disseminated to wider businesses to help support the mental health of their employees.
- Reducing Self-harm BSW ICB mental health leads to set up a self -harm working group with Swindon Public Health representation. The purpose of this group will be to conduct a review in to hospital admission rates for self- harm in Swindon, as well as further data analysis, to understand in more depth the current high levels compared to the England average. Further strategies are to be developed to prevent self-harm, with a particular focus on children and young people.





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"Movement: Moving more for our mental health"

Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 takes place from 13th to 19th May 2024 and the theme is "Movement: Moving more for our mental health"





The week aims to tackle stigma and help people understand and prioritise their and others' mental health.

Being active is important for our mental health. But so many of us struggle to get enough exercise. We know there are many different reasons for this, so this Mental Health Awareness Week we want to help people to find moments for movement in their daily routines. Going for a walk in your neighbourhood, putting on your favourite music and dancing around the living room, chair exercises when you're watching television – it all counts!

Find out more:

- ✓ Toolkits and information on how to get involved and help raise awareness can be found here - <u>About Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation</u>
 ✓ <u>Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 – Mind</u>

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Mental Health and Employee Wellbeing Event

- We're welcoming mindful employers from Swindon and the local area to join us for crucial discussions surrounding mental health and employee wellbeing in the workplace. Helping them to foster an understanding, supportive and productive workplace for you and your employees.
- During our Swindon Mindful Employer Network series, which is a partnership between Swindon & Gloucestershire Mind, Swindon Borough Council & Business West we'll discuss different challenges and issues that employers might be faced with.
- There is an exceptional line up of speakers, alongside opportunities for yourself and businesses to engage in more formal conversations in a number of break out room sessions on the day.
- ✓ Speakers include:
 - ✓ Beckett Frith from National Mind, covering the topic of LGBTQI+ & Mental Health in the Workplace
 - ✓ Karen Heavan, Employee Health, Wellbeing and Inclusion Lead from Swindon Borough Council will be discussing the topic of menstrual health and menopause.
 - ✓ Sara Bhavani from Swindon & Gloucestershire Mind, speaking about Mental Health Awareness Week and this year's theme of movement.
- ✓ Online event is on May 15th between 9.30am-11am during Mental health awareness week



Book your free place today: <u>https://bit.ly/3TAxvcY</u>



Useful Video Clips

Below are a sample of some short video clips to raise awareness:

- What are mental health problems? (youtube.com)
- What is Mental Health? A video for mental health awareness
 (youtube.com)
- <u>Check in on those around you | #WorldMentalHealthDay</u>
 <u>#youarenotalone (youtube.com)</u>
- Sometimes, all you need to do is pick up the phone #WorldMentalHealthDay – YouTube
- Unspoken (2024) Mental Health Awareness Short Film (youtube.com)
- Safeguarding and mental health in schools | Mental Health Awareness



Week (youtube.com)



Talking About Mental Health and Suicide

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Starting a conversation about someone's wellbeing can be difficult. There are some useful resources available to help you, such as the information above. Find out more on this website <u>Talking</u> <u>about mental health at work - Mental</u> <u>Health UK (mentalhealth-uk.org)</u>



Where to get support with your mental health

There is some information and resources on this webpage <u>Mental wellbeing | Swindon Borough Council</u> and some links have been included in the next few slides.

Self help:

- Healthwatch
- <u>NHS Resources</u>
- Book prescription scheme
- Beating the Blues
- <u>The Anna Freud Centre</u>





Where to get support with your mental health

Local support for Adults (18+)

- Lift Psychology
- IPSUM
- <u>Twigs Community Gardens</u>
- Olive Tree Cafe
- <u>SOBS</u>

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- <u>Swindon Mind</u>
- The Samaritans
- <u>Counselling Directory</u>

<u>Citizens Advice</u> (financial/ debt advice and support)



Where to get support with your mental health

Local support for young people (0-18 years)

- Out of the Can (LGBT only)
- Prime Youth Theatre
- OnTrack youth counselling (0 to 19 years)
- Swindon Carers (5 to 16 years)
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (5 to 18 years)
- Wiltshire Treehouse (5 to16 years)
- <u>Swindon Mind</u>
- **IPSUM** (11 to 16 years)
- The Dock Swindon A one-stop shop for young people's support.





Money and mental wellbeing

Money worries for older people

- Age UK Wiltshire
- Offers free information and advice on a wide range of subjects including:
- health
- social care
- benefits
- housing
- consumer issues
- local service and amenities
- wills

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For more information visit <u>Age UK Wiltshire</u> or contact: Phone: 0808 169 2424

Email: enquiries@ageukwiltshire.org.uk



Worried about financial abuse?

- Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service Offers specialist support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse living in Swindon. Support is tailored to meet each person's needs, including mental health, wellbeing, and financial needs. We understand the impact that financial and psychological abuse can have on mental health and personal finances. Services can be accessed via a 24 hour helpline 01793 610610 and at Swindon Women's Aid.
- Women's Aid National charity working to end domestic abuse against women and children. For more information visit <u>Women's Aid</u>.
- Men's Advice Line National support for male victims of domestic violence, which offers telephone, email and web chat support. For more information visit the <u>Men's Advice Line</u>.





Suicide where there is domestic abuse

Reminder!

- Where a victim has taken their own life (suicide) and the circumstances give rise to concern, for example it emerges that there was coercive controlling behaviour in the relationship, or if the victim has been discussed at MARAC consideration for a domestic homicide review should be undertaken.
- Even if a suspect is not charged with an offence or they are tried and acquitted.
- Reviews are not about who is culpable. Consideration should be given to a joint review where there is a safeguarding concern relating to adults or children or a mental health review.
- Further information can be found on the:
 - DHR Statutory Guidance
 - Local Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and Case Learning leaflets Swindon
 Safeguarding Partnership
 - Safeguarding Adult Reviews (SAR's) Swindon Safeguarding Partnership
- Further information can be found in the practice brief <u>Domestic abuse within families learning from</u> reviews - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership



NB local protocols are currently being updated in relation to DHRs.



Pregnancy in Mind Information - NSPCC



- Pregnancy in Mind is a preventative mental-health service designed to support parents-to-be who are at risk of, or currently experiencing, mild to moderate anxiety and depression during their pregnancy.
- Further information can be found via the websites below:
- Pregnancy in Mind | Parental mental health service | NSPCC Learning
- Further information can be found on this webpage NSPCC Pregnancy in Mind (PiM) Information (padlet.com)

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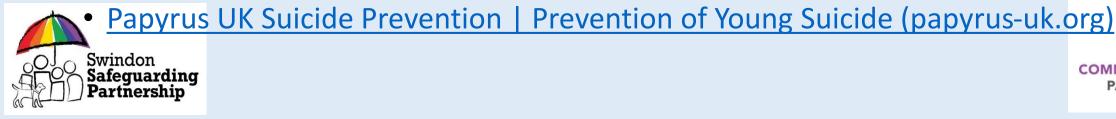
- <u>Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 (rethink.org)</u>
- Mental Health Awareness Week School of Kindness
- Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation
- <u>Mental health awareness days Mental Health UK (mentalhealth-uk.org)</u> including a range of <u>Downloadable resources - Mental Health UK (mentalhealth-uk.org)</u>
- <u>Conversations about Struggling with Suicidal Thoughts | SOS Silence of Suicide</u>
- Mental health NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- Every Mind Matters NHS (www.nhs.uk)
- Home Mind
- Useful resources Mind
- MHFA England Mental health training online and face to face · MHFA England
- CALM mental health and men <u>https://www.thecalmzone.net/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIQobChMI2r-mtZ3LhQMVD5VQBh2CIQLyEAAYASAAEgII0fD_BwE</u>
- Mental Health Support Hub | Self Harm, Anxiety, Depression | The Mix
- Dr Jessica Taylor has launched <u>Life Experiences Reflection Tool by Dr Jessica Taylor (outgrow.us)</u> to help you understand your mental health, trauma, life experiences, and coping styles.





Resources for Young People

- YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | YoungMinds
- Mental Health Resources For Children and Young People | YoungMinds
- <u>Student Minds Home</u>
- <u>Shout: the UK's free, confidential and 24/7 mental health text service for crisis</u> <u>support | Shout 85258 (giveusashout.org)</u>
- WEBSITES | CAMHS Resources (camhs-resources.co.uk)
- Promoting and supporting mental health and wellbeing in schools and colleges -GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- Mental health resources for schools | Place2Be





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Free eLearning

✓ Suicide prevention awareness - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership
 ✓ Suicide prevention awareness - 'Suicide - Let's talk' - Swindon

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SSP Practice Briefs

 ✓ <u>Support for adults in Swindon experiencing suicidal ideation -</u> <u>Swindon Safeguarding Partnership</u>

✓ Trauma-informed practice learning from reviews - Practice brief -

Swindon Safeguarding Partnership





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Find out more by visiting the <u>SSP website</u> or follow us on @SwindonSafegua1



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And finally...

Please let us know if the information and resources have been helpful to you. You can give us your feedback by clicking on the link below or scanning the QR code. It will take you two minutes!

> Link to feedback form: https://forms.office.com/e/z5D1vwrtcZ





