



Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention

Re: Community and Professional Services Pilot Consultation Programme for Males Aged 17-35 Years (Suicide Prevention)

I am seeking the involvement of your group/organization in a consumer consultation project being undertaken by the Ministerial Council for Suicide Prevention. Specifically I am now seeking feedback to gain ideas on the issues involved in providing treatment/support to men who are suicidal.

I am approaching a range of service provision organizations or groups including Health and Mental Health Services, Community Drug Service Teams, Police Services and Emergency Departments of General Hospitals, Help Lines, Accommodation and Outreach Services, General Practitioners, Men's Interest Groups and support groups.

Through these consultations we hope to gain insight into factors that help agencies and staff in linking and engaging men; especially suicidal men; into services as well as identifying barriers to service/support.

The specific goals of the project are to:

- Undertake a pilot suicide prevention, consultation project targeting male consumers between the ages of 17 and 35 years.
- Consult with professional services and community agencies.
- Consult with carers who have provided support to suicidal males.
- Inform service providers and the community of the outcome of the consultation process.

The project is funded through the National Suicide Prevention Strategy.

We have already conducted focus groups and in-depth interviews with males from the target population and with community carers who have supported suicidal men and we have now reached the phase of consulting service providers who provide treatment/support to suicidal males.

I am including a questionnaire which I would like you to distribute to staff for their completion.

I can be contacted (08) 9489-7723 or, by email, at margs@ichr.uwa.edu.au.

Questionnaires can be returned by email or by regular mail to:

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