

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_65_23

You asked:

1. Does the Trust have a person appointed Armed Forces/Veterans Champion?
2. If so, what is their name and contact details?
3. Does the Trust have an agreed suicide prevention action plan or strategy?
4. If so, does this strategy recognise veterans as an at-risk, priority or tailored group?
5. If so, does your strategy reference veterans in any other way?
6. If so, when is your strategy due to be reviewed?

Our response:

We can confirm that the Armed Forces/Veterans Champion for Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) is [Greg Dix](#) our Executive Director of Nursing, Midwifery and Patient Care.

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The Cwm Taf Morgannwg Suicide Prevention Review Group is a multiagency forum that reviews suspected death by suicide for the purposes of supporting agencies and communities in the prevention of suicide. This group is held bi-monthly and upward reports to the Suicide Prevention Strategic Steering Group Meeting. The specific objectives of the group include;

- To receive information and data on suspected suicides, via the Immediate Response to Critical Incidents process
- To identify and explore, from this information and data, any missed opportunities, themes and trends that may support the prevention of suicide
- To identify any cases that require a more detailed multi-agency review,
- To provide quarterly reports to the Strategic Group on the outcome of any analysis or review work
- To share information on recommendations for improvement actions and anonymised learning points to the relevant members of staff
- To monitor any actions following the completion of a Suicide Review
- To monitor the prevalence of suspected suicides in the region to establish overall trends, changes in practice and outcomes.
- To liaise with, and receive guidance from, the Regional Co-ordinator for Suicide Prevention, as appointed by the Welsh Government

The clinical lead for veterans from CTMUHB attends these meetings. He was invited in response to a request from the Cwm Taf Morgannwg Safeguarding Board, this was following recognition that the vulnerabilities and needs of veterans needed to be represented at this group. For further information, please contact [CTM Safeguarding Board](#) directly.

The Suicide Review Group works in line with the National 'Talk to me Too' strategy and the Regional 'Life Matters' strategy. The regional strategy is currently being

updated. [Life Matters - A Suicide and Self Harm Prevention Plan for CTM 2020-2022](http://www.cwmtafmorgannwgsafeguardingboard.co.uk)
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