

Linking in with others: cross-sector and community-based approaches to suicide bereavement support

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Aims

- ▶ Learn more about SASP's core standards for service delivery
- ▶ Learn more about collaborative/partnership working

What is the standard?

- ▶ 4. Collaborative/ partnership working - the service works in partnership to deliver a high-quality service.
- ▶ 4.1 Partnership/collaborative working: The service is aligned to local priorities and actively engages with people with lived experience and partner organisations (e.g., local statutory, voluntary and community organisations) and attends multi-agency forums.

Why is this so important

- ▶ Connecting with local organisation may increase accessibility
- ▶ Linking in with local VCSE organisations builds trust
- ▶ Creates opportunities for more robust provision

Mary

Possible risk of suicidal ideation and access to means	Asked to remove daughter's medication and dispose safely at local pharmacy
Evidence of excessive drinking	Referral to local drug and alcohol services/GP
Lack of understanding around inquest	Referral to coroner's support service . Offer to liaise on her behalf
PIP has been stopped	Direct referral to CAB
Fallen into debt with CCJ	Worked with CAB to negotiate monthly repayments
Struggling to afford food on top of repayments	Referral to foodbank for food vouchers
No handrails on access to property	Contacted housing association to install handrails
Garden is overgrown and housing association can't access steps	Contacted local charity linked with a church in the community who are volunteering to clear her garden

Teresa and John

2 children at home	Linked in with local Children's bereavement charity
Article 2 inquest	Inquest
Anxiety about the inquest	Coroner's Support Service
Media attention	Inquest
Support for John	Signposted to Man Down
Support for Teresa	Symptoms of secondary trauma evident and a referral made, after 12 weeks, to NHS talking therapies

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