

**1,601**

suicides by people under mental health care in 2018

**27%**

who died by **suicide** had contact with **mental health services** in the **12 months** before death

Mental health **in-patient** and **post discharge** deaths continue to **fall**

## Patients who lived alone

**746**

deaths per year



More self-harm, drug and alcohol use

Higher rates of unemployment, physical and mental illness



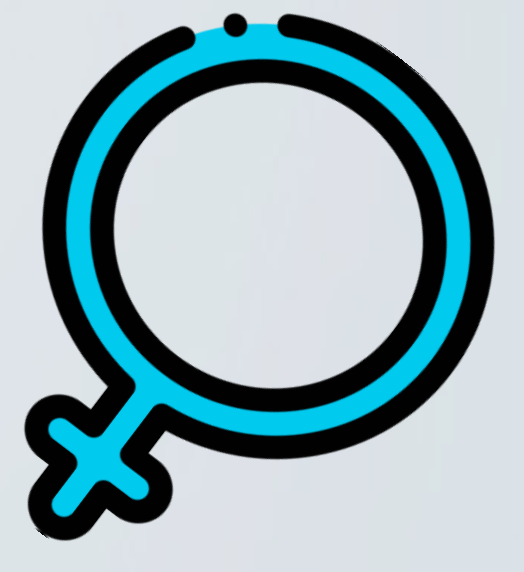
Services should address these clinical and social risks

## Patients under 25

**134**

deaths per year

Increasing numbers in 15-17 year olds and female patients



Personality disorder, eating disorders, drug misuse and self-harm more common

Improve skills to respond to clinical complexity

## Patients from ethnic minority groups

**107**

deaths per year



Risk profile differs between ethnic groups



Different prevention for severe mental illness, substance misuse and recent migration

Services to be aware of diverse social and clinical characteristics

## Suicide prevention during COVID-19

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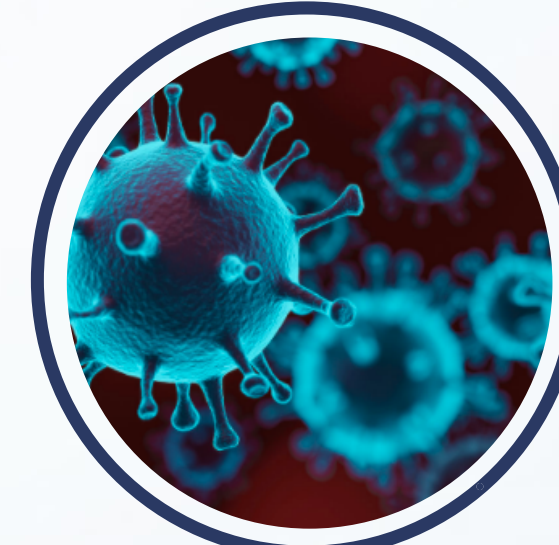
suspected suicide deaths



Increase in anxiety, loneliness & isolation



1/3 had reported disruption in regular support



2/3 reported adverse experiences related to the pandemic

Additional support may be needed for vulnerable groups

## Suicide prevention in mental health services



Healthcare organisations can self-assess their services using our Safer Services toolkit

