

Improving communitybased services for self-harm programme (2020-2023)

Manchester Self-Harm Project

Research context



Self-harm can occur at any point across the lifetime and is a risk factor for suicide

Services for people who selfharm are often fragmented





Psychosocial assessments may reduce self-harm repetition by 40%

Only 50% of people who have self-harmed receive a psychosocial assessment



The programme



Phases 1 and 2 =
Support NHS Integrated Care
Systems (ICS) across England to
improve community-based services
and care for people who self-harm

The CQUIN* for psychosocial assessment in liaison psychiatry = Target of 80% of self-harm referrals to receive an assessment in line with the NICE guidelines



*Commissioning for Quality and Innovation

Phase 1 and Phase 2



Support services to develop interventions

Ongoing evidence-based support





Regular support by email, phone and online meeting

Monthly interactive clinics





Patient involvement and engagement

Expert reference panel



Resources website and shared learning

Monthly virtual clinics

23 speakers on specialist topics covering:

Patient involvement and lived experience

Integration between services

Safety plans and follow-up care Older people, minority ethnic groups, LGBTQ+

8 monthly virtual clinics

655 participants across 217 organisations





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Phase 1 and Phase 2 engagement

- 42 Integrated Care Systems
- 60 million population coverage
- 959 staff and key stakeholder attendance
- 2389 views on the programme webpage
- 22 events
- 2 launch events

- 9 virtual site visits
- site presentations on developing self-harm services
- monthly virtual clinics
- 51 video recordings
- 7 infographics



CQUIN for psychosocial assessment



Launch events

Ongoing evidencebased support





CQUIN audit tool

Quarterly interactive clinics





FutureNHS collaboration platform

CQUIN engagement

- staff and key stakeholder attendance
- Emergency Departments with Mental Health Liaison Teams represented
- 1 launch event
- 3 implementation support events
- psychosocial assessment audit tool
- support documents (FAQ, Guidance)