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NEW FRAMEWORK TO TACKLE SUICIDE IN NSW

Key mental health and other organisations have begun working with the NSW Government on a statewide framework to reduce the rate of suicide across NSW.

Minister for Mental Health Tanya Davies today announced the *Strategic Framework for Suicide Prevention in NSW* to help communities face mental health challenges unique to their area.

“We need to ensure no matter who you are or where you live that you’re getting the right help at the right time,” Mrs Davies said.

“No parent, friend, family member or community should have to go through the grief of losing a loved one to suicide, and the NSW Government is committed to optimising and coordinating care and interventions so support reaches those who need it.”

NSW Health and the Mental Health Commission of NSW will work together to develop the integrated suicide prevention framework.

They will be seeking advice from organisations such as Lifeline, NSW Ambulance, NSW Police, Black Dog Institute, Beyondblue, NSW Farmers Association, Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council, ACON, Primary Health Networks and the Centre for Rural and Remote Mental Health.

NSW Mental Health Commissioner Catherine Lourey said the project will involve consultation with individuals, communities and mental health stakeholders.

“We are particularly reaching out to those who have survived a suicide attempt or who have experienced the suicide or attempted suicide of a loved one,” Ms Lourey said.

An online survey developed by the Commission and a series of consultations around NSW will form a vital part of this work.

More information can be found at www.nswmentalhealthcommission.com.au.

The project will address the NSW Government’s obligations under the Fifth National Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Plan.

If you or someone you know needs crisis support please call Lifeline 13 11 14, MensLine Australia 1300 78 99 78, or Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800. For mental health services phone NSW Mental Health Line 1800 011 511.

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