

Health Improvement Plan Workshop November 2007 Collated Group Information

Suicide Prevention

What has worked well?

Co-ordinators
Depression Awareness Workshops
PR Coverage
User Friendly Literature
Partnerships
Localised Provision at Grass Roots
Assist Training Programme
Mental Health First Aid

What hasn't worked?

Little impact of school
No evaluation the 24./7 lifeline helpline
Competitiveness amongst groups re-funding
Narrow focus
- Point of lack of soft outcome
- Quality Outcome
No Equity

What gaps are there?

Taking innovative approaches
Lack of over arching strategy
To be pro-active rather than reactive
Restriction if needed method and evaluation
Narrow focus
Prevention rather than trying to cure
Pathways sufficient referral systems & services
Pre-briefing systems for support workers

Proposed future action?

Gap in provisions in Shankill area funding
Strategic approach comprehensive package

Depression awareness workshops – nothing happening within the school sector
Protect life strategy needs to be evaluated to address future needs
Managing mental health promotion for schools
Training programmes for all schools and youth services, staff & participants
Early interventions re good mental health
Support mechanisms for those in need or having problems
Reduced stigma
Multi-Disciplinary approach to services