# Appendix 2: Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council suicide & self-harm prevention strategy report H&WBB update September 2019

# **Data charts**

**Suicide – persons.** Between 2015-17 there were 46 suicides across Blackburn and Darwen. This equates to a rate of 12.3 people taking their own life for every 100,000 people in the population.

Blackburn with Darwen is ranked the 4th highest in the North West for its suicide rate. This rate is not however statistically different from the England rate and is decreasing.

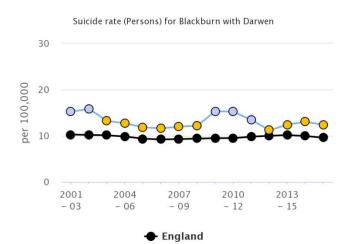


Figure 1: Suicide rate - persons, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council 2001/03 – 2015/17

Source: PHE 2019

**Suicide** – males. Between 2015-17 there were 30 male suicides across Blackburn with Darwen. This equates to a rate of 17.5 men taking their own life for every 100,000 men in the Borough's population.

Blackburn with Darwen is ranked the 9th highest of the 23 upper tier local authorities in the North West for male suicide. This rate is not however statistically different from the England rate and is decreasing.

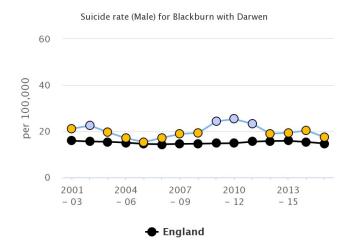


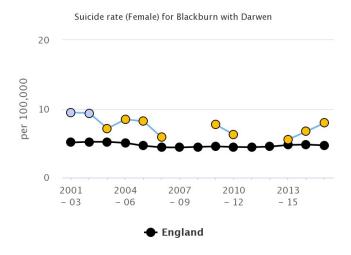
Figure 2: Suicide rate - males, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council 2001/03 - 2015/17

Source: PHE 2019

**Suicide – females.** Between 2015-17 there were 16 female suicides across Blackburn with Darwen. This equates to a rate of 7.9 women taking their own life for every 100,000 women in the Borough's population.

Blackburn with Darwen has the highest rate of female suicide in the North West and the rate is increasing but is not statistically different from the England rate.

Figure 3: Suicide rate - females, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council 2001/03 – 2015/17



Source: PHE 2019

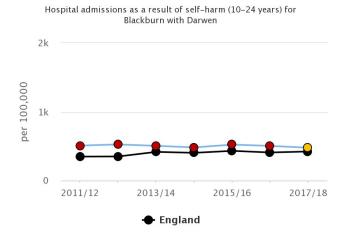
### Self-harm

The 2016-19 strategy included hospital admission data for self-harm for 10-24 year olds. The figure for 2010/11 - 2012/13 was 561.9 admissions per 100,000 population aged 10-24.

The current indicator is now single year but has decreased to 476.1 per 100,000 10-24 year olds for 2017/18. The council has been statistically worse than England since 2011/12, but is now no different than the England rate.

The Council is now ranked 12<sup>th</sup> of the 23 upper tier local authorities in the North-West for hospital admissions for self-harm for its 10-24 year olds.

Figure 4: hospital admissions for self-harm, 10-24 year olds, 2011/12 – 2017/18



Source: HES 2019

# Emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm

There were 356 emergency hospital admissions for intentional self-harm during 2017/18 by people who reside in Blackburn with Darwen which equates to a rate of 229.8 per 100,000 persons (directly age standardised).

Emergency admission rates for self-harm have been decreasing since 2011/12 but are still higher than the England rate. Blackburn with Darwen is ranked 11<sup>th</sup> of the 23 upper tier local authorities in the North West for its hospital admission rate for intentional self-harm.

Emergency Hospital Admissions for Intentional Self–Harm for Blackburn with Darwen

1000

750

250

0

2011/12

2013/14

2015/16

2017/18

Figure 5: Emergency hospital admission rate – persons, all ages, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council 2017/18

Source: HES 2019

# Hospital stays for self-harm, standardised admission ratio

This indicator is calculated differently to the indicator published in the 2016-19 strategy, and is now a ratio for the period 2013/14 - 2017/18, with no trend data available.

With England having a value of 100, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's value is 149.2 expected admissions. This is statistically worse than the rate for England and the North West, ranked 8<sup>th</sup> highest of the 23 upper tier local authorities in the region.