

WHO WE ARE



PAPYRUS
PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE



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PAPYRUS is the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide.

What we know

Suicide is the biggest killer of young people under 35 in the UK.

Every year many thousands more attempt or contemplate suicide, harm themselves or suffer alone, afraid to speak openly about how they are feeling.

Our vision

Our vision is for a society which speaks openly about suicide and has the resources to help young people who may have suicidal thoughts.

Our mission

We exist to reduce the number of young people who take their own lives by shattering the stigma around suicide and equipping young people and their communities with the skills to recognise and respond to suicidal behaviour.

OUR BELIEFS AND VALUES

PREVENTION:

Many young suicides are preventable.

PASSION:


Those who are touched personally by a young suicide have a unique contribution to make to our work.

HOPE:

No young person should have to suffer alone with thoughts or feelings of hopelessness and nobody should have to go through the heartbreak of losing a young person to suicide.

LEARNING:


There are always lessons to be learned from listening to young people at risk of suicide, those who give them support and those who have lost a young person to suicide.



OUR ORIGINS

PAPYRUS was founded in 1997 by a mother, Jean Kerr, from Lancashire following the loss of her son to suicide. PAPYRUS was initially set up as the Parents' Association for the Prevention of Young Suicide, hence the name PAPYRUS.

Since 1997, PAPYRUS has continued to listen to and learn from the experiences of those personally touched by young suicide. Today, PAPYRUS works in many ways to prevent young suicide.



PAPYRUS has been a long-standing member of the government advisory groups in England and Wales on suicide prevention matters. We are active members of the National Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisory Group in England and of the National Advisory Group on Suicide Prevention and Self-harm reduction in Wales.

Other national bodies that we contribute to are the National Suicide Prevention Alliance and the National Police Suicide Prevention Strategy Advisory Group.

OUR WORK

SUPPORT:

We offer professional advice and information to young people and those who are worried about them when suicide becomes part of their lived experience. We intervene to protect life where this is endangered. We do this every day of the year.



EQUIP:

Our people reach and engage with communities across the UK. We have strengthened our volunteering offer. Staff and volunteers reflect the diverse communities they engage with. They are geographically dispersed across the UK. They work with partners and local suicide prevention planning groups to aid joined-up thinking and action.



INFLUENCE:

We work with partners to shape and deliver effective suicide intervention initiatives in communities to meet the needs of young people who experience suicidal thoughts or behaviours, and those who are concerned about them. We lobby for policy change where these needs are not being met.



ENABLE:

Our management structure enables good and timely decision-making and promotes subsidiarity. We invest in staff and volunteers so that they can be effective and productive. They are properly supported in delivering our mission to enable life for young people.



SUSTAIN:

We work hard to ensure we have a diverse income portfolio and have robust risk management and financial plans in place to ensure continuity and future growth within the charity.





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If you are having thoughts
concerned for a young person
you can contact HOPELINEUK
support and please

Call: 0800

Text: 0786

Email: pat@pa

www.papy





CONTACT US

GENERAL ENQUIRIES

For general enquiries contact PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide Head Office:

Call: 01925 572 444

Postal Address: 2 Unit Bankside, Crosfield Street, Warrington, Cheshire, WA1 1UP

Email: admin@papyrus-uk.org

TRAINING ENQUIRIES

For training enquiries contact our Training team:

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FUNDRAISING

As a charity, we rely heavily on donations. Support from fundraisers really helps to make a difference and ensures we continue to deliver and improve on our existing services. For more information on fundraising, or to access a fundraising toolkit, contact our Fundraising Team:

Call: 01925 572 444

Email: fundraising@papyrus-uk.org

Registered Charity Number: 1070896

PRESS OFFICE

We proactively encourage and monitor responsible reporting of suicide, working with journalists, programme researchers and planners. For media enquiries, contact our Press Office:

Email: pressoffice@papyrus-uk.org



HOPELINE247

If you are thinking about suicide or are concerned about a young person who may be, you can contact HOPELINE247 for confidential support and practical advice.



Call: **0800 068 4141**

Text: **07860 039967**

Email: **pat@papyrus-uk.org**

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