

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Suicide among higher education students - briefing note
Date: 22 June 2022 11:52:00

Hi [REDACTED]

The following would work ok for me and [REDACTED]

- Wednesday 13th July, 11.30am-2pm or 3.30-4.30pm
- Thursday 14th July, 3.30pm-4.30pm
- Friday 15th July, 2pm-3pm

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Health Analysis and Life Events Division | Office for National Statistics

[REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)

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Sent: 17 June 2022 12:07

To: [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

Cc: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>

Subject: RE: Suicide among higher education students - briefing note

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] should be able to attend and can provide you any updates.

[REDACTED] can you please let [REDACTED] know your availability.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Health Analysis and Life Events Division
Office for National Statistics | Swyddfa Ystadegau Gwladol

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From: [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>

Sent: 17 June 2022 11:27

To: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

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Subject: RE: Suicide among higher education students - briefing note

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Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies, this week won't work then. Could you please let me know your availability from the below –

Tuesday 12th July

10am-12pm
Wednesday 13th July
11.30am-2pm
3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 14th July
12.30pm-3pm
3.30pm-4.30pm
Friday 15th July
10am-1pm
2pm-3pm

From: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

Sent: 17 June 2022 11:10

To: [REDACTED]@education.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@education.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Suicide among higher education students - briefing note

Hi [REDACTED]

I am available on 5th July from 11.30 to 12pm. Unfortunately, I am not available on 7th July between 12 - 1pm.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Health Analysis and Life Events Division
Office for National Statistics | Swyddfa Ystadegau Gwladol
[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk | www.ons.gov.uk | @ONS

From: [REDACTED]@education.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 June 2022 11:26

To: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@education.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Suicide among higher education students - briefing note

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Hi [REDACTED]

Apologies for not being able to confirm this yet, will need to be early July now.

Do any of the following work for you and [REDACTED]

monday 5th July

-10am-12pm

Thursday 7th July

- 12pm-1pm

Thanks,

From: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

Sent: 10 June 2022 07:57

To: [REDACTED]@education.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Suicide among higher education students - briefing note

Hi [REDACTED]
Just a quick update.
I am only available from 11-12 on 23rd June.
Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Health Analysis and Life Events Division
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Please note my working days are Tuesday to Friday

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Sent: 08 June 2022 08:48
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Cc: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: Suicide among higher education students - briefing note

Hi [REDACTED]
I am available on:

Thursday 23rd June – anytime after 11am
Friday 24th June – anytime after 11am
Wednesday 29th June – anytime after 1.30pm
Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Health Analysis and Life Events Division
Office for National Statistics | Swyddfa Ystadegau Gwladol
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From: [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>
Sent: 31 May 2022 13:59
To: [REDACTED] [@universitiesuk.ac.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@universitiesuk.ac.uk)>; [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>;
[REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>; Est [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [@officeforstudents.org.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@officeforstudents.org.uk)>
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Thank you very much [REDACTED]
As discussed, we wanted to have another catch-up meeting following this release, towards the end of June.
Could everyone please let me know of their availability during the following times?
Thursday 23rd June
10am-3pm
Friday 24th June
11am-3pm
Wednesday 29th June

11.30am-3pm

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 31 May 2022 09:35

To: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#); [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#); [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#)>

Cc: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#); [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)>

Subject: Re: Suicide among higher education students - briefing note

Thanks [REDACTED]

Amazing work from you and ONS team!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Woburn House
20 Tavistock Square
London WC1H 9HQ

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I have flexibility in the way that I work, I'm sending this message now because it suits my work hours. I don't expect that you will read, respond to or action this message outside your usual hours.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)>

Sent: 31 May 2022 09:32

To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED];

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#); [REDACTED];

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]; [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#)

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[REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#)>

Cc: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#); [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)>

Subject: Suicide among higher education students - briefing note

Hi all,

Please find attached briefing for estimating suicide among higher education students release published by ONS today.

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/birthsdeathsandmarriages/deaths/articles/estimating-suicide-among-higher-education-students-england-and-wales-experimental-statistics/2017-to-2020>

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Health Analysis and Life Events Division
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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Student suicide catch up
Date: 17 November 2022 10:08:00
Attachments: [image001.jpg](#)

Hi [REDACTED]
We are very busy between now and Christmas with publications so January would be a good time to meet.

[REDACTED] has recently joined the team as [REDACTED] replacement so will be good timing to discuss the student suicides work and next steps.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)

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Sent: 17 November 2022 08:57
To: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)>; [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)>
Subject: Student suicide catch up

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Hi both,

I hope you're well?

Just looking at arranging our next catch up – should we aim for early next month or do you think start of next year would be better?

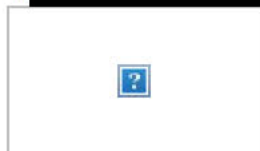
Last time we discussed the next iteration of the stats including FE, so we would want to invite FE colleagues here at DfE as well as OfS and UUK. But I wanted to check timings with you first before we try and find a suitable date for everyone.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>
Sent: 01 September 2022 11:27
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>;
[REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>
Subject: RE: ONS suicide stats

Hi [REDACTED]

I am very well, thank you. I hope you are well too.

I can confirm that the release on 6th sept won't contain any data on students. It will include suicide data analysed by sex, age, area of usual residence of the deceased and suicide method.

Thanks,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Health Analysis and Life Events Division
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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>
Sent: 01 September 2022 11:04
To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>
Subject: FW: ONS suicide stats

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Hi all

I hope you're all well?

Just wanted to check in quickly on the suicide data due to be published on the 6th. Our comms team are asking if it will include any data on students, or anything that we might need to get ahead of. I'm assuming not, given there is HE specific data published only a few months ago, but wanted to check.

Thanks
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>

Sent: 01 September 2022 10:11

To: [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>

Subject: ONS suicide stats

Hi all

On Tues 6 Sept ONS will publish data on suicides in England and Wales.

Not expecting this to look at students specifically but do we know whether this will include any data on students or those in HE?

I'm trying to work out whether there is anything we need to get ahead of, esp as students head back to uni.

Thanks

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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data
Date: 06 February 2024 10:03:37
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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you very much for this.

We'll use this in our response to [REDACTED] letters and let you know if we get a response on this.

The meeting hasn't been arranged yet, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] When we're finalising briefing for this, I'll probably be in touch just to run past you the bit of the briefing on this, Although I'm sure it'll be the same stuff!

Thanks again

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 9:55 AM

To: [REDACTED]@education.gov.uk>; [REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>;
[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for this – have edited very slightly below. Please feel free to correct grammar/ restructure if needed, just adding additional text to clarify time sensitivity

Thank you for bringing to my attention your conversations with the ONS. My officials continue to work closely with the ONS to arrange the next data publication and have raised your concerns with them directly. ONS will ensure that data estimating suicides in HE are as accurate as possible, whilst balancing the need for timely publication.

ONS have used date of death rather than date of registration when linking mortality records to Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) student records to estimate the number of HE suicides. This method allows identification of deaths that occurred in that academic year, rather than presenting deaths by registration which may then be skewed by delays in the registration process thus potentially losing important sensitivity to increases in numbers at particular times within an academic year (for example, exam periods). This method of using date of death occurrence, as opposed to registration, where the date of death provides important context to the analysis has also been used in previous ONS suicide publications and analyses. ONS do recognise that this means a small number of deaths are likely to have been registered later, which is why they will rerun and republish the data when the next dataset is

published.

Thanks!

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From: [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>

Sent: Monday, February 5, 2024 10:11 AM

To: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data

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Hi all

Thanks for the call last week. I said I would get a draft response to the [REDACTED] letter to you. See below.

Thank you for bringing to my attention your conversations with the ONS. My officials continue to work closely with the ONS to arrange the next data publication and have raised your concerns with them directly. ONS will ensure that data estimating suicides in HE are as accurate as possible, whilst balancing the need for timely publication.

ONS have used date of death rather than date of registration when linking mortality records to Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) student records to estimate the number of HE suicides. This method gives a better indication of deaths in that academic year, rather than potentially being skewed by delays in the registration process. ONS do recognise that this means a small number of deaths are likely to have been registered later, which is why they will rerun and republish the data when the next dataset is published.

If you could confirm/edit/rewrite completely for me by midday tomorrow I would really appreciate it.

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 9:46 AM

To: [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>

Cc: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>

Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data

Hi [REDACTED]

Some lines to include from our side would be:

- The ONS can't identify higher education student suicides from death registration data only. However, the ONS has previously linked mortality records to Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) student records to estimate the number of higher education student suicides.
- The [most recent analysis](#) was published in May 2022 and is based on suicides that occurred between the academic year ending 2017 and the academic year ending 2020.
- The ONS does publish [regular statistics on suicides](#). These are on a registration basis, so we can provide complete figures by registration year. We also make figures on an occurrence basis available to users as part of this release. There is value in publishing analysis of suicides on an occurrence basis to better assess trends over time on when suicides actually occur, as was the case for the analysis on higher education students. When publishing on an occurrence basis, we always make it clear that the figures are subject to change as and when additional suicides are registered.

I've put a meeting in for Thursday on this.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
Data & Analysis for Social Care and Health Division | Office for National Statistics

[REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)

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From: [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](#)>

Sent: Monday, January 29, 2024 2:05 PM

To: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)>

Cc: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)>; [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](#)>

Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data

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Hi [REDACTED],

I hope you're all well. I'm [REDACTED] picking the student suicide data work back up from [REDACTED]

Can we get a date in for another conversation? Thursday (any time) or Friday (PM) this week would be great, if any times there work at your end. Let me know if next week works better and I'm sure we can find a slot.

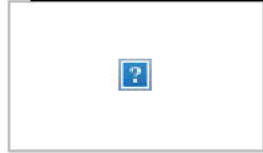
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Especially keen to respond to [REDACTED] on the 'date of death versus date of registration' issue and on the issue of 'correcting previous data releases'. It would be great if we can commit to the next iteration of the publication, but appreciate it may be a bit soon to do so – so instead we can say DfE and ONS are working on it.

Thanks

[Redacted]

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T: [Redacted] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@education.gov.uk)



From: [Redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@ons.gov.uk)>

Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2024 4:29 PM

To: [Redacted] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@education.gov.uk)>; [Redacted]

[Redacted] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@education.gov.uk)>

Cc: [Redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@ons.gov.uk)>; [Redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@ons.gov.uk)>

Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data

Hi [Redacted]

We've got good availability for tomorrow so I've sent a calendar invite for 10:30 to 11:00.

Thanks,

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@ons.gov.uk)

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Sent: 03 January 2024 14:47

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Cc: [Redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@ons.gov.uk)>; [Redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@ons.gov.uk)

Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data

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Happy new year to you as well. I'm free all tomorrow apart from 9.45-10 and 2-3.

Or I'm free Friday afternoon apart from 3-4.

[Redacted]

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From: [Redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@ons.gov.uk)>

Sent: Tuesday, January 2, 2024 8:56 AM

To: [Redacted] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@education.gov.uk)>; [Redacted]

[Redacted] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@education.gov.uk)>

Cc: [Redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@ons.gov.uk)>; [Redacted] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[Redacted]@ons.gov.uk)

Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data

Hi [Redacted]

Happy new year.

Yes happy to speak this week on this as my calendar is fairly free. Let me know what days/times work best for you.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
Data & Analysis for Social Care and Health Division | Office for National Statistics

[REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)

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From: [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>

Sent: 19 December 2023 17:42

To: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] [@education.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@education.gov.uk)>

Cc: [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)>; [REDACTED] [@ons.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@ons.gov.uk)

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. It would be great to speak very soon about this work as I know there is a great deal of public interest in transparency of suicide data and we are getting pushed to do more on this. It would be helpful to pick up that question of any funding as soon as possible as we are going through business planning for next year and haven't set anything aside for this – though I know [REDACTED] did mention a possibility of it.

I'm back from 3th January, could you speak that week? (or I'm also around until lunchtime this Thursday but you may well be logged off for Christmas now).

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Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting in touch on this.

We are in a better position now to talk about this work as the restructuring has now taken place and we have moved to the new structure.

As we suggested previously, we have moved to a new model where work such as this would now be funded by the relevant department that we complete the work for. Is this something that would be possible for this work? I don't think it would be a significant amount, given that we have done this work before.

It would be helpful to discuss this soon I think. Maybe early in January would be a good time? Let me know what dates work for you.

Thanks,

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Hi [REDACTED],

We spoke a couple of months ago and said we would get back in touch late November to see where you were following the restructure.

We talked about the next data release on HE student suicides. This is receiving a fair amount of attention, both in comms world and from our minister, [REDACTED], so it would be really good to be able to commit to a date for the next data release.

Anything we can send your way to help make the case for it sooner rather than later, please do let us know. And if you're in a better place to have another call on this soon that'd be great. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] copying in my colleague [REDACTED] in case I'm not here.

Thanks all

Hope you have a good weekend.

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Subject: RE: Student Suicide Data

Hi [REDACTED]

It looks like 11-12 on the 31st August works for all of us.

We are going through a restructuring at the moment as well and one thing we're not sure on is how much resource there will be to devote to analysis of HE and FE education student suicide analysis.

I think it's still worth catching up though.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

It's been a while since we last spoke about the HE student suicide data. We would really appreciate a catch up. Could we find a suitable time over the next couple of weeks?

After a small restructure here at DfE our team (HE Mental Health policy) now sits with the FE Mental Health policy team, so it would be good to include them in our catch up. I know we discussed the possibility of including FE students in the next data release.

Just as a starter, do any of the below times work for you? I think half an hour should do us.

Thurs 31 Aug – 11-1 or 3-5

Fri 1 Sept – after 2

Many thanks

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Subject: RE: Log as PO-VIP (RH)
Date: 15 March 2024 09:45:45
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Hi [REDACTED]
Thanks for getting in touch on this.
I think we can say on the first one that we're looking to publish updated figures next year, but not provide date.
On the second one, I don't think we've ever stated that we will publish the HE suicide data on an annual basis so I have no idea where this has come from. I would suggest this as a response:
The ONS [previously published estimates of higher education student suicides](#) in 2022. The information collected on the death certificate does not enable ONS to identify higher education students and as a result the ONS linked ONS mortality data to information from individual Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA) student records to identify higher education student suicides. This cannot be done on a regular basis so the ONS currently plans to update these estimates on an ad-hoc basis rather than establishing a regular release.
Hope that works ok.
Thanks,

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Hi [REDACTED],
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]. The team is putting together some quick briefing for this meeting, so I'm afraid I'm asking for your steers on the below questions pretty quickly – if you could come back by tomorrow morning that would be really helpful. Sorry!
Is there a set date for when ONS will rerun and publish past data for improved historical accuracy? **I think the answer is no – we are aiming for a March 2025 publication of the new**

dataset, but can't say this publicly yet. I assume any updates on historical datasets will come at the same time?

It was previously stated that HE suicide data would be published on an annual basis, is this still the case? Again, I think the answer is no. If you have any lines you can share to support why doing this annually is not helpful?

Has ONS conducted a simple headcount, or extracted a full dataset containing the name and institution of each deceased student?

Any help on the above would be great.

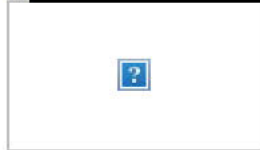
Thanks very much

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Hi [Redacted]

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Subject: Log as PO-VIP (RH)

Kind regards,

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Fourth response to letter dated 6th March attached.

Kind regards

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Date: 11 April 2024 16:51:44

Hi [REDACTED]

Yes I think what you've put is fine. We've had to be stricter on our finances with the new structure which means we have to charge for the time we would spend doing this work for you.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Hi [REDACTED]

Hope you're good.

Our short business case for the HE student suicide data is due to go to research board in the next week or so to hopefully get the £5k funding confirmed.

Couple of hopefully quick questions below that'll help make the case...

The panel will ask why we need to pay ONS – are we paying for their staff time? Is this usual practice (any other eggs?) do they need to spend any money to enable this? Do they normally charge and they have been doing us a favour in past years?

I think the main answer here is that ONS have gone through a restructure and the way you do this work has changed – so now charging OGDs rather than taking on the cost yourselves. But if you have an official line that'd be helpful. Similarly, if you can say what the cost goes towards.

And apologies – if you can send a reply by the end of today that'd be a huge help.

Thanks [REDACTED]

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