The SASP is the co-ordinating hub for a UK-wide network of organisations that support people who have been bereaved or affected by suicide. We do this through research, advocacy, signposting, innovative practice and working together.

“We believe that everyone bereaved or affected by suicide should be offered timely and appropriate support”

Our Work

Building a compelling case for change
We are building evidence of the need for support through our ground breaking national research; identifying areas of risk, and setting out the gaps in provision of support across the UK.

We plan to engage with all the national stakeholders to support our work including the Royal Colleges, Public Health England, Funeral Directors and Local Authorities.

Improving suicide bereavement support
Our website is a hub of support and we signpost over 1,000 visitors a month to local services.

We will increase the number of people proactively being offered quality support, by developing guidelines for all support groups and gaining commitment from frontline services to offer everyone impacted by suicide a copy of the resource ‘Help is at Hand’. We will seek to ensure that Local Authority suicide prevention plans include quality, proactive suicide bereavement support services.

Engaging decision makers
With our compelling case we will engage national and local policy makers to ensure they understand the strategic need to implement proactive suicide bereavement support services across the UK. We are planning to launch a number of evaluated pilot support services.

We are one voice and a hub of expertise
Our wide network of members and supporters are passionate about achieving our vision. Together, we are a body of nationwide expertise, and drivers of local and national change.

Our Members and Supporters

AMPARO/Listening Ear • British Transport Police • CALM • Child Bereavement UK • Childhood Bereavement Network • Co-op Funeral Care • Cruse Bereavement Care • DrugFAM • Facing the Future • Hanover Communications • Harmless • Hector’s House • If U Care Share Foundation • James’ Place • Life After Suicide (L.A.S) • Local Government Association • Maytree • Mind • MindEd Trust • National Suicide Prevention Alliance (NSPA) • Outlook South West • Suicide Liaison Service • Oxford NHS / CalmZone • PAPYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide • Pete’s Dragons • Postvention Trust • Public Health England • Royal College of GPs • Royal College of Psychiatrists • Samaritans • Suicide Bereaved Network • Suicide Bereavement UK • Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide (SoBS) • Sussex Community Development Association • The Alliance of Suicide Charities (TASC) • The Compassionate Friends • The James Wentworth-Stanley Memorial Fund • The Laura Centre • The Listening Place • The Matthew Elvidge Trust • University of Manchester • Winston’s Wish
In 2015, 6,188 people died by suicide in the UK. Research suggests 60 people are impacted by every suicide; that’s 370,000 people affected a year. Yet there is currently no statutory support and these people may face many physical, mental and financial challenges.

The Support After Suicide Partnership and the University of Manchester are working together to find out what the real impact of suicide is on the UK. This study is the first of its kind.

We are asking as many people as possible who have been affected by suicide to complete a 20 minute survey to tell us about how they were impacted.

Taking part in our research will help us to make support better for people who have been impacted by suicide in the future.

You can take part by visiting supportaftersuicide.org.uk/research, from September 2017 to August 2018. The survey collects anonymous answers.

This research survey is supported by:

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