

8 CHOOSE LIFE (AN55-2009)

Proposals for the implementation of the Choose Life strategy were approved by the Social Work Committee on 16th February, 2004 (Report No 150-2004). The report highlighted proposals for the implementation of Choose Life in Dundee and Advised that a sub group of Health Dundee (the Choose Life Steering Group) had been established to oversee the development and implementation of the local suicide prevention strategy. The sum of £87,000 has been allocated to support suicide prevention.

The Choose Life Steering Group has now approved funding for the following services:-

SAMARITANS (NATIONAL) - £1,000

The money will be used to increase the Samaritans ability to attend outdoor events to offer emotional support to those who are at risk of taking their lives. This is a Scotland-wide venture involving volunteers from the majority of the branches attending festivals and events throughout the country and funding has been sought from all areas.

SAMARITANS - £1,000

The money will be used to fund a dedicated area with a PC and peripheral equipment within the Dundee branch in order to deal with the increasing amount of text messages being sent to the Samaritans.

The Committee is asked to approve the release of funding to meet the Choose Life suicide prevention agenda for 2008/09.