

ABOUT US

The team have considerable experience working in this field and combined have a unique skill set, which enables them to be considered leaders in this newly developing field in the UK.

Suicide Bereavement UK specialise in the following:

- Suicide bereavement research;
- Providing consultancy on postvention (care of those bereaved or affected by suicide); and
- Developing and delivering evidence-based suicide bereavement training.

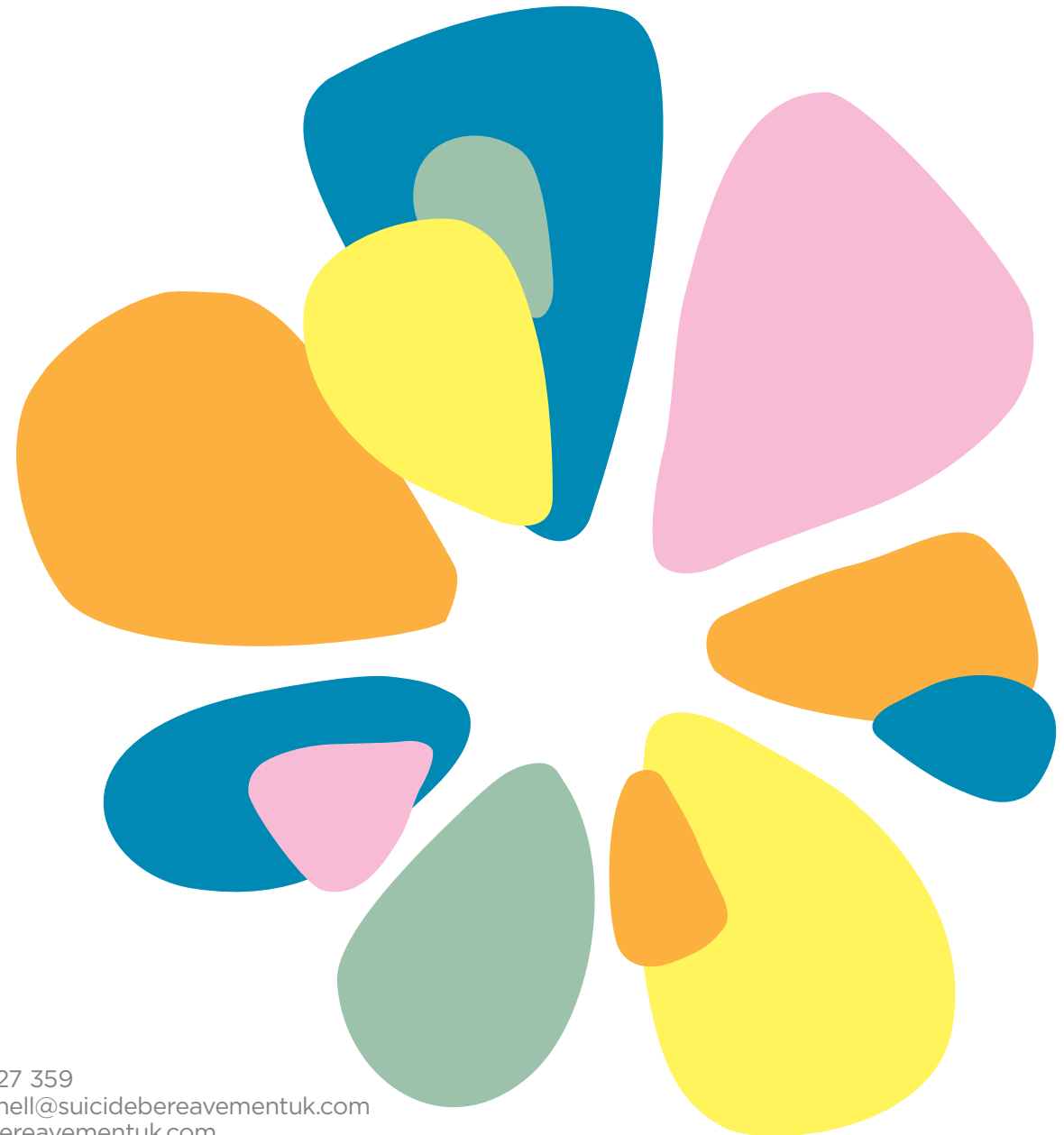
OUR AIMS

- To conduct suicide bereavement research that will help to advance understanding, increase awareness, reduce stigma and influence policy and practice;
- To develop and deliver evidence-based suicide bereavement training that will increase knowledge, confidence and skills on how to respond to those bereaved by suicide;
- To create a hub where knowledge, expertise and good practice can be shared and disseminated through consultancy and the Suicide Bereavement UK national annual suicide bereavement conference.

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WHAT WE PROVIDE

Suicide Bereavement Research

Suicide Bereavement UK specialise in suicide bereavement research. All research projects are led by Dr. Sharon McDonnell, who has specialised in this field for 16 years. Her research has been referred to in two parliamentary debates (Hansard, 2012; 2015). Sharon has an honorary contract with the University of Manchester.

Suicide Bereavement Consultancy

Suicide Bereavement UK are able to provide consultancy to those who are preparing to implement suicide bereavement services recently proposed by Public Health England (2016).

Members of the team are often invited to be part of expert reference and advisory groups which focus on suicide bereavement. Examples include:

PHE (2016) *A Practice Resource: Local Suicide Postvention Planning*

PHE (2015) *Help is at Hand: Support After Someone May Have Died by Suicide*

Suicide Bereavement Training

Suicide Bereavement UK develop and deliver bespoke evidence-based suicide bereavement training. Two members of the team are authors of parental suicide bereavement training entitled 'Postvention: Assisting Those Bereaved by Suicide' (PABBS), which was funded by the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) and first of its kind internationally.

Suicide Bereavement Conference

Suicide Bereavement UK organise the national annual suicide bereavement conference in collaboration with Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust. This event provides a platform whereby individuals can network, share information, learn from each other and share good practice in this newly developing field in the UK. It is attended by a diverse audience who either come into contact with those bereaved by suicide or who are responsible for their care.

OUR TEAM

Sharon McDonnell

Dr. Sharon McDonnell is the Director of Suicide Bereavement UK (SBUK). She specialises in suicide bereavement research and developing evidence-based suicide bereavement training. Sharon leads all research projects.

Barry McGale

Barry McGale is a Registered Mental Health Nurse, Suicide Prevention Trainer and recently retired Suicide Liaison Officer. He was responsible for setting up the first NHS postvention service in Northern Ireland, which is currently being replicated throughout the UK.

Liz Koole

Liz Koole specialises in child suicide bereavement. She was a Senior Practitioner at the child bereavement charity Winston's Wish from 2003 - 2015. Liz also delivered training, managed their helpline and specialist residential groups for families bereaved by suicide.

Dzmitry Karpuk

Dzmitry Karpuk specialises in trauma recovery psychotherapy for adults, children and families. His interests include supporting professionals working with traumatised and vulnerable clients, secondary trauma impact on professionals and delivering trauma related training.