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THE PRIME MINISTER

Today marks World Suicide Prevention Day, a vital opportunity to raise awareness of the scale of the challenge, and to reflect on how we can work more effectively together to prevent suicide.

Every suicide is a profound tragedy that leaves a lasting impact on families, friends, and communities. I want to extend my deepest condolences to all those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide, and to anyone personally affected.

The Government remains firmly committed to tackling suicide, which continues to be one of the leading causes of death in this country. We are actively delivering on the Suicide Prevention Strategy for England, which aims to reduce suicide rates and address the underlying risk factors.

As part of our ten-year health plan, we are transforming mental health services to improve access, treatment, and overall experience. We are also focused on promoting good mental health and wellbeing across the nation.

This includes the introduction of 24/7 neighbourhood mental health centres, helping to shift care from hospitals into local communities. We are also expanding digital access to support, and will enable people to seek help through the NHS App without needing a GP referral. By improving early access to community-based support, we hope to reach people sooner, because early intervention is a crucial part of suicide prevention.

On this important day, I would also like to express sincere thanks to all the professionals, volunteers, friends, and family members who support those in distress and work tirelessly to save lives.

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