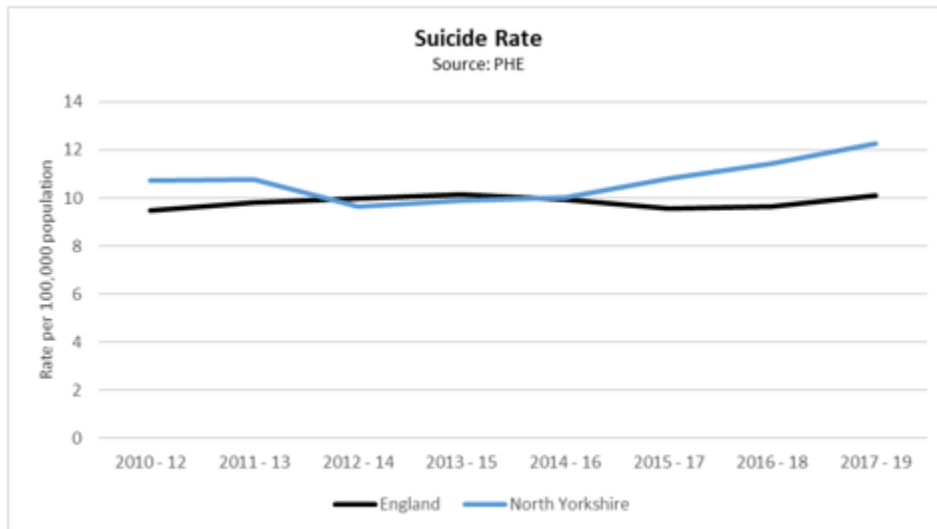


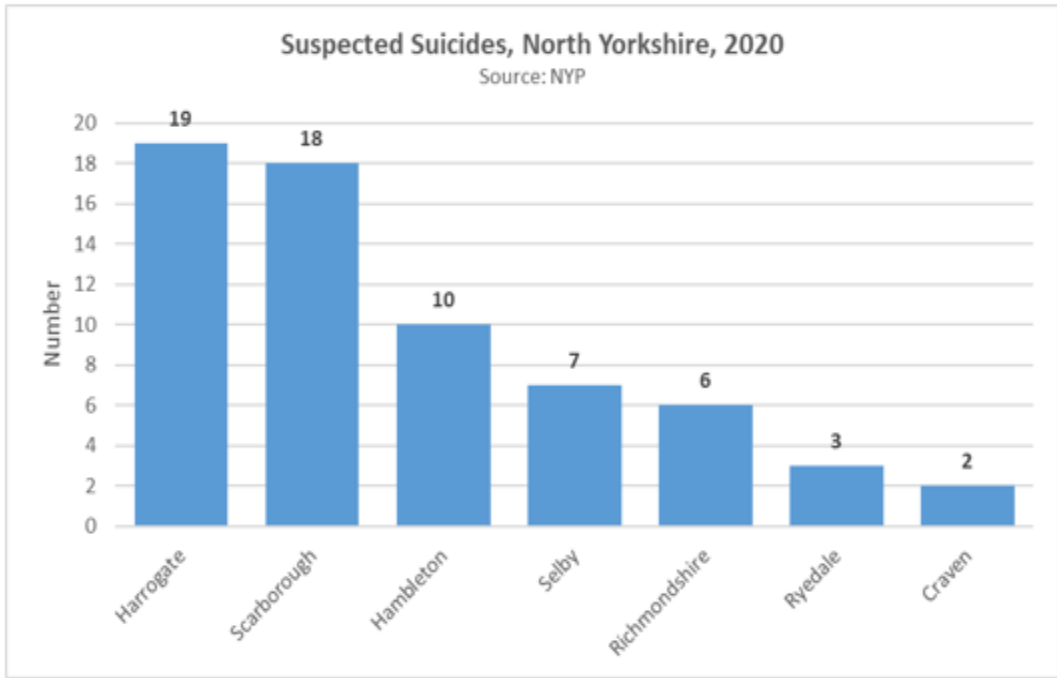
ITEM 7

Information on Suicide Rates; Suspected Suicides and Drug and Alcohol Related Deaths



The chart to the left highlights the suicide rate between North Yorkshire and England.

- Between 2013-15 and 2017-19 the suicide rate in North Yorkshire has slowly increased. In 2017-19 the rate is significantly higher than England.
- Between 2014-16 and 2017-19 the suicide rate in England has also increased, however the North Yorkshire rate is increasing faster than England.



The chart to the left highlights the number of suspected suicides in North Yorkshire from the 1st January 2020 to date. There has been a total of 73 suspected suicides in North Yorkshire; Harrogate and Scarborough have the highest numbers in comparison to Craven with the least.

COVID-19 and drug and alcohol related deaths - nationally

- Deaths related to drug poisonings have been recorded nationally since 1993. Data is reported in an annual report by the [Office for National Statistics](#). The latest report was published in October;
- Nationally, the highest number of deaths were recorded in 2019, but remained broadly similar to the number observed in 2018 which saw the highest annual increase on the previous year;
- New analysis by deprivation shows that, in the last decade, rates of drug poisoning deaths have been higher in the most deprived areas of England and Wales compared with the least – 5.5x higher for >40 yr olds in most deprived areas;
- Deaths by drug poisonings are most marked in Scarborough District in North Yorkshire - 11.9 per 100,000 (8.0 – 16.9 confidence intervals [95%]) compared to 6.2 per 100,000 in Yorkshire and the Humber and 4.7 per 100,000 nationally (2017-2019 data, source: fingertips);
- Alcohol specific and alcohol related mortality are reported on Public Health England's [Fingertips tool](#);
- It's too soon to confirm whether people who misuse drugs and alcohol are disproportionately affected by COVID-19, and/ or whether outcomes are worse;
- Public Health England is currently exploring this – provisional data is expected in early 2021;

COVID-19 and drug and alcohol related deaths - locally

- We have an established confidential enquiry process for all over 18 drug related deaths, and deaths of people who misuse alcohol who are engaged with our specialist treatment service;
- The process was established in 2010 and has evolved – Public Health Team co-ordinates;
- All deaths which meet the criteria are reviewed;
- North Yorkshire Horizons, North Yorkshire Police, North Yorkshire County Council Children and Families Services and Health and Adult Services and Tees and Esk Wear Valley NHS Mental Trust contribute;
- Note: we review every death that meets our criteria, therefore adopt a broader definition than the Office for National Statistics Annual Report
- Annual Report for 2019 is currently being produced; 2020 will be produced in Autumn 2021