

Researching Suicide, Attempted Suicide and Near-Lethal Self-Harm by Offenders in Community Settings: Challenges for Future Research

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Abstract

Suicide is a serious international health problem and is more likely to occur in vulnerable populations such as offenders. There is an abundance of research into suicides of prisoners, but few studies have been carried out on suicides of offenders serving community sentences. This article identifies and evaluates the limited research that is available. Recommendations for future research are made, including how in-depth interviews can provide important information about near lethal incidents from the service users' perspective, and how international comparisons could be helpful in understanding this problem further.