

SAFER (Suicide Attempt Follow-up, Evaluation and Research)

Uses lay mental health workers and volunteers to follow-up patients identified as suicide attempters in several local hospitals.

Are you aware of the project's existence? Yes 34 No 7.

Have any of your patients used the service? Yes 26 No 15

Approximately how many? 1 through 30.

Please comment on your experience with the service (helpful/unhelpful; quality of communication etc.):

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23/27 definitely helpful; e.g. "more flexibly available to patients than I can be"; "cooperative and show initiative, free of bureaucracy". Some felt SAFER should be more closely integrated with other services. 5/26 commented on poor communication.

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