

Correspondence Report FOR INFORMATION	20 November 2018
Corporate Policy and Resources Committee	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Leader and Champion
Outcome	Establish key relationships with Government, agencies and potential strategic partners
Lead Officer	Director of Corporate Services
Cost: (If applicable)	

1.	<p>HSC Public Health Agency - Guidelines on Memorials and Public Gatherings, Mrs Valerie Watts, dated 15 October 2018</p> <p>The guidelines have been prepared by the Public Health Agency (PHA) in collaboration with the Samaritans and have included the views of people who have been bereaved by suicide, as well as voluntary and community organisations working to prevent suicide. They have also been quality assured by academics from Oxford University, Glasgow University and the University of Ulster.</p> <p>The guidelines were developed following submissions from elected representatives, community representatives, schools and various public bodies seeking advice on how they should support families and communities who have been bereaved or affected by a death by suicide. A key concern was to avoid any unintended behaviours that could pose a risk to public safety or trigger so called ‘copycat’ deaths.</p> <p>The guidelines are intended as an additional resource to the Samaritans guidelines about dealing with the media, https://www.samaritans.org/media-centre/media-guidelines-reporting-suicide and provide practical information and advice with a clear link to evidence and best practice.</p> <p>A copy of the guidelines is available on the PHA publications website. http://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/advice-families-public-memorials-following-sudden-death-which-suspected-suicide</p>
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2.	ABF The Soldiers' Charity, correspondence dated 6 November 2018
	<p>The Royal Irish Regiment Christmas Concert in 1st Garvagh Presbyterian Church starting 7.30pm on Saturday 15th December.</p> <p>Tickets £10 Tel: 028 2955 8949 and from D&G Fashions, Main St, Garvagh</p>

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