

Supplementary table 1 Trends in the characteristics of suicidal events, suicides and suicide attempts reported by the SGP over four time periods

		2011-2		2007-8		2000-1		1993-5		All		p ^a
All suicidal events												
		N=288		N=328		N=437		N=618		N=1671		
		n/N		%(95% CI)		n/N		%(95% CI)		n/N		
Men	129/288	44.8		129/321	40.2	171/436	39.2	233/616	37.8	662/1661	39.9	0.058
		(39.0-50.7)			(34.8-45.8)		(34.6-44.0)		(34.0-41.8)		(37.5-42.2)	
Age < 65 years	245/285	86.0		282/326	86.5	382/429	89.0	544/606	89.8	1453/1646	88.3	0.053
		(81.4-90.0)			(82.3-90.0)		(85.7-91.8)		(87.1-92.1)		(86.6-89.8)	
Violent method	112/286	39.2		109/326	33.4	151/437	34.6	181/608	29.8	553/1657	33.4	0.009
		(33.5-45.1)			(28.3-38.8)		(30.1-39.2)		(26.2-33.6)		(31.1-35.7)	
Patient was new ^b	16/288	5.6		No data		71/437	16.3	29/393	7.4	116/1118	10.4	0.344
		(3.2-8.9)					(12.9-20.0)		(5.0-10.4)		(8.6-12.3)	
GP was first caregiver	78/288	27.1		128/292	43.8	242/399	60.7	414/581	71.3	862/1560	55.3	<0.001
		(22.0-32.6)			(38.1-49.7)		(55.7-65.5)		(67.4-74.9)		(52.7-57.7)	
Survival	220/279	78.9		268/319	84.0	333/403	82.6	466/561	83.1	1287/1562	82.4	0.273
Suicides												
		N=59		N=51		N=70		N=95		N=275		
		n/N	%(95% CI)	n/N	%(95% CI)	n/N	n/N	%(95% CI)	n/N	%(95% CI)	n/N	
		CI)										
Men	42/59	71.2		36/50	72.0	53/70	75.7	62/95	65.3	193/274	70.4	0.449
		(58.0-82.2)			(57.5-83.8)		(64.0-85.2)		(54.8-74.7)		(64.7-75.8)	
Age < 65 years	43/59	72.9		36/51	70.6	53/69	76.8	76/94	80.9	208/273	76.2	0.169
		(59.7-83.6)			(56.2-82.5)		(65.1-86.1)		(71.4-88.2)		(70.7-81.1)	
Violent method	45/59	76.3		38/51	74.5	53/70	75.7	71/92	77.2	207/272	76.1	0.843
		(63.4-86.4)			(60.4-85.7)		(64.0-85.7)		(67.2-85.3)		(70.6-81.0)	
Patient was new ^b	6/59	10.2		No data		16/70	22.9	7/64	10.9	29/193	15.0	0.890
		(3.8-20.8)					(13.7-34.4)		(4.5-21.2)		(10.3-20.9)	
GP was first caregiver	13/59	22.0		13/27	48.2	28/47	59.6	49/75	65.3	103/208	49.5	<0.001
		(12.3-34.7)			(28.7-68.0)		(44.3-73.6)		(53.5-76.0)		(42.5-56.5)	
Suicide attempts												
		N=220		N=268		N=333		N=466		N=1287		
		n/N	%(95% CI)	n/N	%(95% CI)	n/N	%(95% CI)	n/N	%(95% CI)	n/N	%(95% CI°)	

Men	86/220	39.1 (32.6-45.9)	91/264	34.5 (28.8-40.5)	109/333	32.7 (27.7-38.0)	153/464	33.0 (28.7-37.5)	439/1281	34.3 (31.7-36.9)	0.139
Age < 65 years	196/219	89.5 (84.7-93.2)	238/267	89.1 (84.8-92.6)	300/329	91.2 (87.6-94.0)	424/463	91.6 (88.7-93.9)	1158/1278	90.6 (88.9-92.2)	0.249
Violent method	63/218	28.9 (23.0-35.4)	66/266	24.8 (19.7-30.5)	90/333	27.0 (22.3-32.1)	97/461	21.0 (17.4-25.1)	316/1278	24.7 (22.4-27.2)	<0.05
Patient was new ^b	5/220	2.3 (1.0-5.2)	No data		37/333	11.1 (7.9-15.0)	15/305	4.9 (2.8-8.0)	57/858	6.6 (5.1-8.5)	0.119
GP was first caregiver	62/220	28.2 (22.3-34.6)	111/256	43.4 (37.2-49.7)	192/321	59.8 (54.2-65.2)	325/454	71.6 (67.2-75.7)	690/1251	55.2 (52.4-57.9)	<0.001

Missing values [n/N(%)]:gender: 10/1671(0.6%); age: 25/1671(1.5%); suicide methods (Violent method versus nonviolent): 14/1671(0.8%); GP was first caregiver: 111/1671(6.6%); patient was new: 0/1118(0.0%); survival: 109/1671(6.5%).

^a Significance of score test for trend of odds

^b The score test for trend of odds was calculated using data from the first and the fourth period. In 1993-4 (no data are available for 1995) the SGP reported whether the patient was new; in 2000-1 the SGP reported only whether the patient was seen during out-of-hours care; in 2011-2 the SGP reported whether “the patient was new/seen during out-of-hours care”