

Scenario for Activity 3

You are Mr Hardiman and have been a Headteacher at Green Lane High School for 3 years. You have not experienced a critical incident before.

Jason, one of your Year 9 pupils, 14 years, has ended his own life over the weekend by hanging himself. This occurred some time during the night Saturday. His parents found his body on Sunday morning. Jason's sister, Becca, Year 8, was on a sleep over at the time at a friend's house. Facebook rumours have started that Jason was being bullied at school, but you do not believe there is any truth in these.

You have a very good Head of Year 9 who is experienced and knows the parents of the year group well. The Head of Year 8 was involved in responding effectively to a critical incident before you came to the school. The Head of IT within school responds well to challenges and is supportive of colleagues.

You are aware of several young people in school who have either had recent bereavements or who self-harm / have mental health issues. You are also worried about the impact of the incident on your Deputy Head. Her son died through suicide about 5 years ago.