

Appendix 1: Multivariate associations between potentially stigmatizing characteristics of patient suicides and whether contact was made with relatives excluding patients divorced, separated or widowed and who were not living with family members

Case characteristic	Any contact <i>versus</i> none			Face-to-face contact <i>versus</i> letter/telephone call		
	Adjusted OR <sup>†</sup>	95% CI	p-value	Adjusted OR <sup>†</sup>	95% CI	p-value
Violent method of suicide	1.68	1.49-1.90	<.001	1.28	1.14-1.44	<.001
Unemployed	.75	.66-.84	<.001	.87	.77-.99	.037
Black & minority ethnic group	.87	.73-1.06	.163	1.13	.92-1.40	.236
Forensic history	.66	.56-.78	<.001	1.02	.84-1.24	.820
Recent (<3 months) alcohol misuse	.91	.79-1.05	.204	.87	.74-1.02	.078
Recent (<3 months) drug misuse	1.19	.99-1.42	.058	1.06	.88-1.28	.552
Alcohol dependence/misuse	.40	.32-.50	<.001	.69	.50-.94	.019
Drug dependence/misuse	.46	.35-.61	<.001	.88	.61-1.28	.505

Appendix 2: Multivariate associations between potentially stigmatizing characteristics of patient suicides and whether contact was made with relatives, excluding open verdicts

Case characteristic	Any contact <i>versus</i> none			Face-to-face contact <i>versus</i> letter/telephone call		
	Adjusted OR <sup>†</sup>	95% CI	p-value	Adjusted OR <sup>†</sup>	95% CI	p-value
Violent method of suicide	1.68	1.48-1.91	<.001	1.25	1.08-1.44	.003
Unemployed	.80	.71-.90	<.001	.89	.79-1.02	.092
Black & minority ethnic group	.91	.73-1.12	.371	1.07	.85-1.34	.575
Forensic history	.67	.57-.79	<.001	.92	.76-1.11	.365
Recent (<3 months) alcohol misuse	.91	.79-1.05	.180	.90	.77-1.05	.171
Recent (<3 months) drug misuse	1.09	.91-1.31	.355	1.07	.88-1.31	.495
Alcohol dependence/misuse	.48	.38-.61	<.001	.65	.48-.88	.006
Drug dependence/misuse	.47	.34-.64	<.001	.80	.52-1.22	.298



Appendix 3: Multivariate associations between potentially stigmatizing characteristics of patient suicides and whether contact was made with relatives, with missing contact recoded as no contact

Any contact <i>versus</i> none			
Case characteristic	Adjusted OR <sup>†</sup>	95% CI	p-value
Violent method of suicide	1.66	1.51-1.82	<.001
Unemployed	.79	.72-.86	<.001
Black & minority ethnic group	.95	.81-1.11	.495
Forensic history	.70	.62-.80	<.001
Recent (<3 months) alcohol misuse	.88	.79-.97	.015
Recent (<3 months) drug misuse	1.12	.98-1.29	.095
Alcohol dependence/misuse	.51	.43-.60	<.001
Drug dependence/misuse	.51	.41-.64	<.001

Appendix 4: Multivariate associations between potentially stigmatizing characteristics of patient suicides and whether contact was made with relatives, adjusting for recent (<3 months) patient contact

Case characteristic	Any contact <i>versus</i> none			Face-to-face contact <i>versus</i> letter/telephone call		
	Adjusted OR <sup>†</sup>	95% CI	p-value	Adjusted OR <sup>†</sup>	95% CI	p-value
Violent method of suicide	1.63	1.47-1.81	<.001	1.28	1.14-1.44	<.001
Unemployed	.80	.72-.89	<.001	.92	.83-1.03	.169
Black & minority ethnic group	.88	.73-1.06	.177	1.14	.94-1.387	.181
Forensic history	.69	.60-.79	<.001	.99	.84-1.16	.88
Recent (<3 months) alcohol misuse	.85	.75-.96	.010	.93	.82-1.07	.322
Recent (<3 months) drug misuse	1.04	.89-1.22	.614	1.08	.91-1.27	.372
Alcohol dependence/misuse	.56	.46-.68	<.001	.65	.50-.83	.001
Drug dependence/misuse	.53	.41-.68	<.001	.88	.63-1.24	.472