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## Researching suicide stories

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9% of 16-24 yr-olds have attempted suicide (MHFA, 2020)

## SUICIDE STORIES

Researching ...



Most often, communication about suicidal thoughts is actually ignored or listeners tend to disengage.

Therefore my <u>second</u> aim is to explore how the recipient(s) heard and interpreted the suicide communication.

Most young people aged 16-24 yrs communicate their suicidal intent before the act of suicide...

> ...but , KEY opportunities for suicide prevention are being missed.

Therefore my <u>first</u> aim is to explore how suicide communication is made and who that is to. Brian shares his story, "For two years when I did feel down. I just didn't talk to anyone. I just kept it all inside. I just didn't tell anyone anything. I just didn't like talking about my feelings or anything." (Cleary, 2012)

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