**Call for student Internship/master thesis**

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**Title: A study into the development of a Child Suicide Monitor**

In the Netherlands the number of suicides among 10-19 year old increased since 2017. In the public health service of North- and East-Gelderland (GGDNOG) an explorative study was conducted into elements of autopsy reports of suicide victims (<24 years) and of the Child Suicide Reviews (CSR) reports, in order to examine factors that could be included in a suicide monitor (Dogan, 2012). A suicide monitor comprises a set of predetermined psychosocial and physical factors that possibly play a role in the suicide perpetrators. In another study a multi-method psychological autopsy (PA) study was conducted to assess feasibility, identify related factors, and study the interplay of these factors to develop suicide prevention strategies (Me´relle, 2020).

The aim of this thesis is to 1) further analyse data from the youth suicides, 2) to bundle hindering factors, i.e. registration problems faced by coroners, difficulties contacting families etc., and 3) facilitating factors i.e. the appreciation of parents being interviewed, in order to establish a child suicide monitor and how this should be implemented. A minimal set of variables related to youth suicide needs to be compiled, which can be collected systematically by coroners working at the GGDNOG. A complete set of variables gathered by questionnaires will be collected in a systematic way. These data form the basis for the child suicide monitor (children and youngsters < 24).

The final aim is to describe the effectiveness of the developed short list to be filled in by the coroner and the complete child suicide monitor as a new evidence based approach to identify regional risk and care–related (clustered) factors. The results will be used for the development of a an infrastructure which facilitates continuously monitoring, evaluating, and supporting families after each youth suicide and thereby improve prevention strategies.

Dogan S. Zelfdoding bij jongeren. ‘Bewustwording van factoren die een rol spelen bij een geslaagde suïcide’. Verantwoordingsverslag, Hogeschool Saxion, Deventer, 2021

Me´relle S, Van Bergen D, Looijmans M, Balt E, Rasing S, van Domburgh L, et al. (2020) Amulti-method psychological autopsy study on youth suicides in the Netherlands in 2017:Feasibility, main outcomes, and recommendations. PLoS ONE 15(8): e0238031. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0238031

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