

SAMARITANS OFFER EMOTIONAL SUPPORT AFTER ALLEGED SUICIDE OF CHRISTOPHER FOSTER

Samaritans' Director, Justine Colyer, is encouraging anyone who needs emotional support following an alleged suicide in Maesbrook, Shropshire England of Millionaire businessman Christopher Foster last Tuesday to look for help as early as possible.

Three bodies, believed to be those of Mr Foster, his wife and daughter were found in their burned out house, his wife with a gunshot wound to her head. It is thought Mr Foster killed his wife and daughter before killing himself

Ms. Colyer said: "What is important, at a difficult time like this, is that anyone who is struggling emotionally finds the support they need. Often, this support will come from friends or family, but there are sometimes reasons why this isn't possible, so it's important to know that the Samaritans are available 24 hours a day".

"Those emotionally affected could be people who knew of the family or who themselves are living with domestic violence. Sometimes even reading media reports of such a tragic incident can emotionally affect someone. Feelings of distress or anxiety may not surface immediately, it can be some time afterwards.

"The Samaritans has trained volunteers available 24/7 every day of the year and they can be contacted for confidential non-judgemental support".

Contact details –

- Support service:

- **Emergency line:** 9381 5555
- **Youthline:** 9388 2500
- **Country line:** 1800 198 313 (Free outside of Perth metro area)
- **TTY:** 9382 8822
- **Email:** samswa@bigpond.net.au
- **Address:** 60 Bagot Road SUBIACO, WA, 6008

- Administration

- **Administration Phone:** 9381 5725
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- **Website:** www.thesamaritans.org.au

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Note to editors:

In light of the recent death of CHRISTOPHER FOSTER the Samaritans wish to remind West Australians of the support they provide for someone who may be feeling suicidal or may have lost someone to suicide. I would appreciate it if this article could be run as soon as possible.

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