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Please refer to the below link for further information on reporting:

<http://apps.who.int/.../10.../258814/1/WHO-MSD-MER-17.5-eng.pdf...>

When reporting on incidents of suicide, usage of appropriate and sensitive language is vital. The phrase 'committed suicide' should not be used as it implies criminality. Alternative terms that can be utilised are; died by suicide, takes one's own life, death by suicide or completed suicide.

An important aspect of reporting on suicide is to ensure that information on where to seek help should be provided. The helpline available in Sri Lanka is 1333.