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| **Checklist item** | **Frequency** | **Proportion** | **Cohen’s kappa** |
| No sources of support provided | 48 | 60.8% | 1.00 |
| Inappropriate headline | 56 | 70.9% | 0.97 |
| Inappropriate detail/description of method | 43 | 54.4% | 0.92 |
| Inappropriate treatment of causes | 36 | 45.6% | 0.53 |
| Sensationalist language | 13 | 16.5% | 0.66 |
| Inappropriate statistics | 0 | 0.0% | n/a |
| Inappropriate or stigmatising language | 40 | 50.6% | 0.98 |
| Glamorising references | 35 | 44.3% | 0.49 |
| Reporting contents of suicide note | 39 | 49.4% | 0.92 |
| References to pro-suicide sources | 1 | 1.3% | n/a |

Table 1: frequency and proportion of the articles breaching each checklist item, with a measure of inter-rater reliability for each

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| **Initials of deceased** | **Year & month of death** | **No of articles** | **“Newsworthy” features** |
| J B-A S | Dec 2007 | 1 | Former assistant to a celebrity model |
| CM | Feb 2008 | 1 | 10 years old |
| A E-K | Nov 2012 | 1 | 14 years old; died as a mental health inpatient |
| LM | Mar 2013 | 15 | Media bullying as a potential contributory cause |
| KM | Feb 2014 | 1 | Local news with no national significance |
| KAR | Nov 2014 | 1 | Workplace bullying as a potential contributory cause |
| LA | Dec 2014 | 23 | 17 years old; viral suicide note; unsupportive parents; conversion therapy |
| AH | Feb 2015 | 1 | 16 years old |
| SS | Mar 2015 | 1 | Unsupportive healthcare |
| BB | Mar 2015 | 1 | 18 years old |
| TA | Apr 2015 | 1 | 16 years old; school bullying as a potential contributory cause |
| MN | Apr 2015 | 3 | Champion board game competitor; unsupportive community |
| KP | May 2015 | 1 | 14 years old; unsupportive healthcare workers |
| AH | Oct 2015 | 2 | Viral suicide note |
| VT | Nov 2015 | 7 | Prison suicide |
| JL | Dec 2015 | 3 | Prison suicide |
| LM | Feb 2016 | 1 | Unusual method (poisoning with seeds obtained via the internet) |
| CA | Aug 2016 | 1 | Local news only, no national significance |
| MM | Dec 2016 | 1 | University student suicide |
| JS | Jan 2017 | 2 | Prison suicide |
| ES | Apr 2017 | 6 | Unusual method (poison obtained through laboratory job) |
| LE | May 2017 | 5 | 15 years old; unsupportive school |

Table 2: Names of the individuals whose deaths were reported in the sample of articles, and details of the reporting