

Safeguarding News



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What is Prevent?

Prevent is part of the UK's counter terrorism strategy, preventing people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism

From 1 July 2015 all schools, registered early years child-care providers and registered later years childcare providers are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism". This duty is known as the Prevent duty.



What is Extremism

The government has defined Extremism as: "Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British Values, including democracy, the rule of the law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces"

What factors could make someone susceptible or vulnerable to carrying out or supporting violent, criminal or terrorist acts?

External Factors

- Religion
- Peers
- Social media
- Recession

Personal Indicators

- Family Breakdown
- Identity
- Mental Health
- Substance abuse



Behaviours of concern

The motivators for this list of behaviours could be all sorts of reasons – and the likelihood that terrorism is driving them is very small. But we need to accept that is a possibility – no matter how remote.

Emotional

Short Tempered
Angry
Withdrawn
Depressed
Crying

Verbal

Fixated on a subject
Closed to new ideas
Change in language
Asking inappropriate questions

Physical

Tattoos
Use of Internet
Attendance
Change/routine

Online/Social Media risks

Extremists of all kinds are increasingly using social media to recruit, radicalise and raise funds.

Isis has proved fluent in:

YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, internet memes and other social media.

Young people are also being targeted while playing games consoles online, games like Call of Duty and FIFA 17 are used to try and recruit young people.



Britain First have developed a formidable social media presence. They are currently using the Remembrance poppy to push their agenda on social media.

The way this works is they'll typically share an image which reaches out to people's patriotism – a classic is an aged Normandy veteran kneeling over some poppies on a beach with a message like "SHARE if you support veteran's rights". Of course, many people who support veteran's rights will see it and immediately share the image. Variations include dogs wounded in dog fights, with messages like "SHARE if you want to end animal cruelty".

As soon as you like or share these images, you'll see more of them – Britain first usually post 20 or so images with provocative titles on them a day. As a result of these tactics, **500,000 people have "liked" them on Facebook**, giving them an estimated reach of 20 million people – a third of the UK

Educational visits and the risks

What should we do about visits given the current threat of terrorist attacks? The current global situation means that the possibility of being close to, or caught up in, a terrorist attack is a risk faced by us all. Like all risks this needs to be kept in perspective and managed in a thoughtful and proportionate way. To provide some perspective - the UK government identifies five levels of threat from 'low' to 'critical'. Since 2006, when this level was first published, it has never been below 'substantial' – the middle level.

It is sensible to:

- Be aware of the latest news relating to your destination
- In the UK know the current threat level (available at: <https://www.mi5.gov.uk/threat-levels>).
- When travelling abroad check the FCO website www.fco.gov.uk in the early stages of visit planning, at regular intervals and immediately prior to leaving.
- Consider the threat of terrorism as part of visit risk management and include it within visit emergency plans.

When visiting crowded places such as a major city, venue or event, where the risk of attack may be greater, consider within your planning:

- Possible safe areas or venues, near where you intend to be, that you could use as an emergency shelter.

If you have any concerns regarding any students or adults that you know or want any more information about Prevent PLEASE SPEAK TO A MEMBER OF YOUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM IMMEDIATELY