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FE/HE Prevent News: London

Your monthly Prevent update for Further Education (FE) and Higher Education (HE) providers in London.



Dear Further Education and Higher Education providers,

Happy New Year to all. I hope everyone had a restful Christmas break and are back at work refreshed and raring to go in a new decade!

My new years (work) resolution is to have an improved suite of HE/FE specific case studies for use in training and to share with providers. It would be great to have your help with this so please do continue to share with me examples of Prevent safeguarding cases that you have been involved with or radicalisation cases that you are aware of which have a significant HE/FE footprint. Where necessary, the case studies will be anonymised.

The new year seems a good time to reiterate the support available to the sector in London. This could include any of the following:

- Training delivery and/or support
- Inclusion in networks
- Policy/procedural support, including risk assessment development
- Briefings on risk and threat
- Sharing of up-to-date information/resources
- Responsiveness to serious incidents and potential support
- Consultative conversations around safeguarding concerns, hosting of external speakers, etc.
- Student engagement (particularly keen to engage with student representatives and societies)

If you would like to discuss any of the above then do get in contact.

Have a great year!

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The second London ILP Prevent Network is due to take place on Wednesday 8 January, 10.00-13.00. If you are an ILP or an employer provider that would like to attend and has not confirmed yet, drop me a line ASAP so I can give you the full details.

The next London FE College

Higher education

The provisional date for the next London HE Prevent Network is Tuesday 3 March 2020. Confirmation and further details to come in due course.

There are a few spaces left to attend a WRAP train-the-trainer sessions on Monday 22 January (10.00-12.00) for the HE sector. If

Network is on the morning of Tuesday 28 January at a college in central London. The agenda will be shared in due course, but if you're an FE College or Sixth Form please mark this out in your diary.

you would like to be attend, then do get in contact.

Home Office publish Prevent and Channel statistics (April 2018 - March 2019)

On 19 December 2019, the Home Office released Prevent and Channel statistics for the period April 2018 - March 2019. The full report can be found [here](#).

Some key findings from the statistics are:

- 5,738 individuals were referred to Prevent in the reporting period, a decrease on 22% on last year. This is the lowest number for referrals over a year since data has been made available (year ending March 2016).
- The majority of individuals referred were aged under 20 years old (58%) and male (87%).
- 33% (1,887) of Prevent referrals were from the education sector, however the vast majority of these are from primary and secondary education rather than HE/FE.
- The largest proportion of individuals referred were from the north-east of England (17%), followed by London (16%).
- 77% of referrals (4,407) were assessed as not suitable for Channel. Most of these referrals were subsequently signposted to other services for other types of support (64%).
- 38% of referrals concerned individuals with a mixed, unstable or unclear ideology, followed by referrals for right-wing (24%) and Islamist radicalisation (24%).
- 10% of referrals to Prevent (561) were adopted as Channel cases, an increase of 48% last year, and the highest recorded since comparable data has been available.
- For the first time, there were more Channel cases for concerns related to right-wing radicalisation (45%) compared with Islamist radicalisation (37%).

Prevent Independent Review update

You may have seen that Lord Carlile is no longer the independent reviewer of Prevent. I am aware that many of you would have put time and effort into submitting returns and feedback to the call for evidence request. Despite Lord Carlile no longer overseeing the review, your submissions will still be considered as part of the review exercise.

As soon as I am aware of next steps, including Lord Carlile's replacement, I'll be sure to let you all know.

Assassination of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani

Following on from General Soleimani's assassination by a US drone strike on 3 January, I am keen to establish the community sentiment of this incident amongst the HE/FE sector. Are there any linkages to Prevent and/or terrorism on either side of the argument? If you are aware of any specific events or sentiment that you think would be worthwhile sharing, then please do get in contact with me.

Police call on public to sign up to free counter-terrorism training

Devised by counter-terrorism officers and security experts, the ACT Awareness eLearning packages was previously only available to staff working in crowded places. Now Counter-Terrorism Policing has decided to open up the training to anyone who wants to become a CT Citizen so they can learn how to spot the signs of suspicious behaviour and understand what to do in the event of a major incident.

ACT Awareness is made up of seven modules that take a few minutes each to complete. You can pause and re-join at any time. In total it takes 45 minutes - so less than an hour of your time could help to prevent an attack or help save lives if one was to happen.

Go to ct.highfieldlearning.com to register and start learning.

For FE: Terrorist incident response checklist

Following the 2017 Manchester Arena attack the DfE's Due Diligence and Counter Extremism Division has worked closely with institutions directly affected and the wider sector to understand how the department can better support establishments prepare for and respond to a terrorist incident that affects staff, students or infrastructure. This consultation highlighted the need to ensure institutions have in place effective relationships with local partners to quickly and effectively respond to an incident; knowing who to speak to and where to get the support they need. A short checklist of considerations for leaders to refer to in the immediate aftermath of a terrorist incident is included in the Schools and Colleges Security Guidance published in November 2019 which can be found [here](#).
