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FE/HE Prevent News: London

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



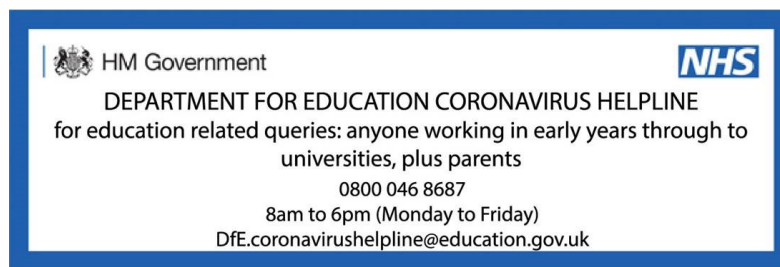
Dear Further Education and Higher Education providers,

I'm pleased to announce that I now have a new colleague in place to help support the FE/HE providers of London with their Prevent responsibilities. Jennie Fisher started with me at the beginning of March. Once Jennie settles in, we will be keen to get out to providers to proactively support the sector with Prevent duty requirements.

As a way of introduction, Jennie says: "I can't wait to get started in supporting the sector, particularly as I've previously worked in both FE and HE roles ranging from student facing to senior management. Looking forward to meeting many of you over the coming weeks and months."

I now have London's most recent Counter-Terrorism Local Profiles (CTLPs). I will be finding a way to sensitively and safely share relevant risk information to providers in due course. I'll be in contact about how this information is going to be shared imminently. It's this kind of local risk information that is vital in ensuring that your own risk assessments and Prevent activity/policies are addressing the appropriate and relevant risks for your learners, staff and location.

Finally, obviously not Prevent-related but Coronavirus is at the top of everyone's news feeds. Education providers will be facing challenges in this space, and perhaps difficult decisions in time, so I wanted to make all aware of the DfE Coronavirus helpline which can be found below:



Don't forget to wash your hands regularly!

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The next London ILP Prevent Network is due to take place on Thursday 23 April, 10.00-13.00. Once I have a location, I will send out invitations to all. (If you are able to host the network, please do get in touch!)

Higher education

The London HE Prevent Network took place on 3 March at London South Bank University. Thanks to LSBU for hosting. It was very well attended and we were able to hear an update from the DfE (by me), a detailed update from the OfS on their recent reports, and Yewande Akindele (the chair) also ran an engaging workshop on external speaker requests and processes. Minutes to be shared in due course.

Independent Report - Listening to British Muslims on policing, extremism and Prevent

You may have seen reports (e.g. by the [BBC](#) and [The Times](#)) of the publication of a research report by independent and non-partisan think tank Crest Advisory entitled '[Listening to British Muslims on policing, extremism and Prevent](#)'. The report is one of the largest and most robust of its kind and consisted of a representative survey of 1000 members of the general public, an additional sample of 1000 British Muslims, and several focus groups.

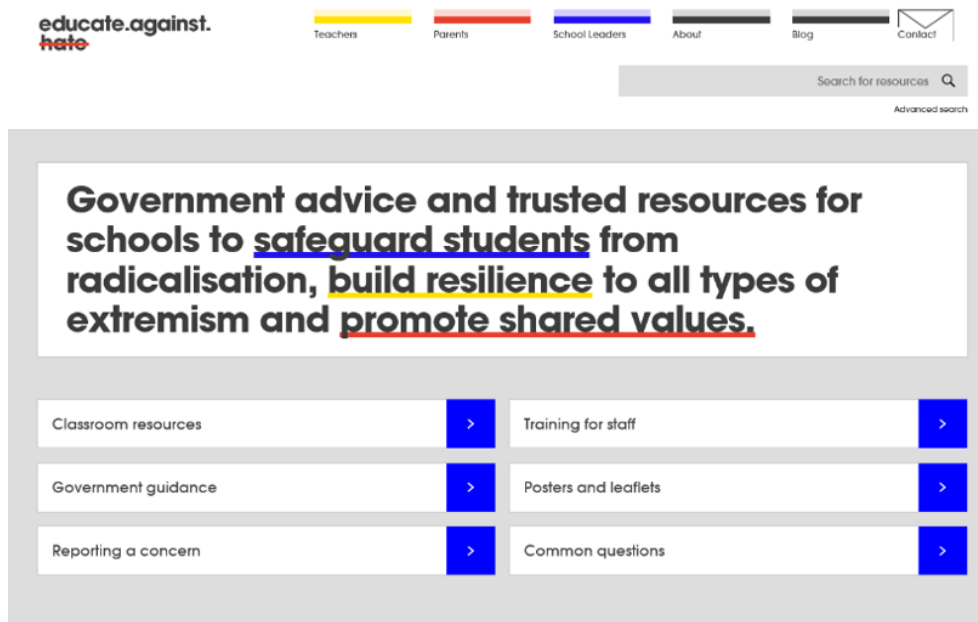
For those involved in Prevent, welfare and/or safeguarding it's definitely worth a read. Some of the key findings of the report include:

- Prevent "may not be as controversial among British Muslims as thought". When explained in neutral terms, 80% of British Muslims and 85% of the general public were supportive towards Prevent.
- No evidence was found for the critical media narrative of Prevent being a "toxic brand". Instead, it is an unknown brand amongst the majority of the population.
- British Muslims respondents were slightly more likely than the wider general public to have heard of Prevent (44% vs 32%).

- British Muslim respondents were slightly more likely than the wider general public to make a Prevent referral should they have radicalisation concerns (66% vs 63%).
- When asked what issue caused them the most concern, Islamophobia (64%) and rhetoric of the British media (39%) were the most common concern for British Muslims. Prevent was the least cited of the available options, with 6% mentioning it.
- Evidence was found of an appetite among the population as a whole for more information about Prevent.

Educate Against Hate refresh

The Department for Education's educateagainsthate.com website has been given a refresh following feedback from you. The website includes extensive information and resources for educators and parents to safeguard learners from radicalisation and build resilience to extremism in all its forms.



Although more geared at schools and colleges, please do check it out. New functions include:

- An advanced search function to easily find the resources you need
- Quick links on the home page to our most popular and relevant resources
- An easy-to-use newsletter sign-up on the home page so you can get tips delivered directly to your inbox
- A 'share' feature to help spread the message about high quality resources with your colleagues.

Government takes action to proscribe right-wing extremist group Sonnenkrieg Division

At the end of February the Home Secretary laid orders in Parliament to make membership of a second right-wing terrorist groups illegal in the UK. The orders will proscribe Sonnenkreig Division and will recognise System Resistance Network as an alias of the already proscribed group National Action.

Proscription renders membership of a group illegal in the UK. Anyone found to be a member of or offering support to the groups could now face up to ten years behind bars.

Hope Not Hate's State of Hate 2020 report

Hope Not Hate have released their latest '[State of Hate](#)' report for 2020. It's an excellent read for those with an interest in the area.

The blurb for this year is: "The traditional far right parties lie in tatters, the threat of violent far right extremists is on the rise. At the same time, far right ideas have entered the mainstream. We must face that evolving threat with courage and a willingness to adapt to the challenges it presents." The report also advise the banning of the neo-Nazi satanist group the Order of the Nine Angles, which it argues influences terrorists.

STATE OF HATE 2020

FAR RIGHT TERROR GOES GLOBAL



Report online material promoting terrorism or extremism

A reminder to all that you are able to report illegal or harmful information, pictures or videos you've found on the internet. This can be done anonymously (if you so wish) via www.gov.uk/report-terrorism.

You can report material such as:

- articles, images, speeches or videos that promote terrorism or encourage violence
- content encouraging people to commit acts of terrorism
- websites made by terrorist or extremist organisations
- videos of terrorist attacks.

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