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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 FE and HE providers,

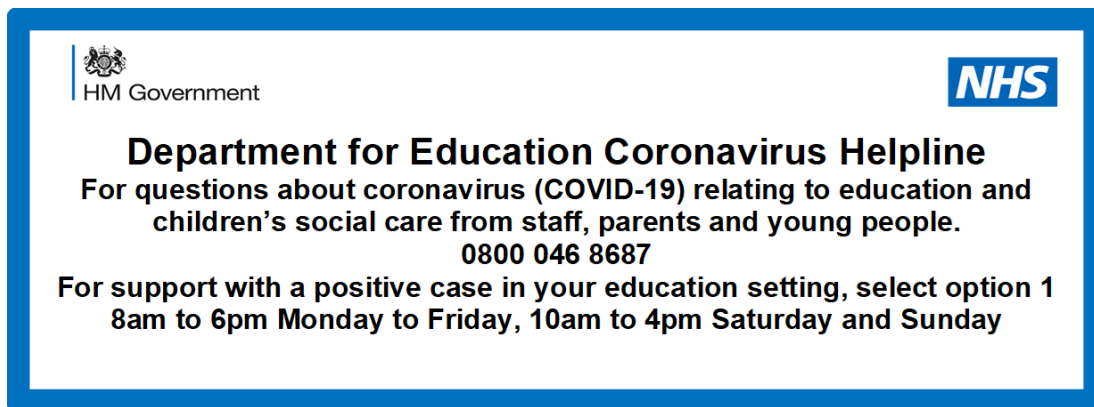
It has been a little while since the last digest, but welcome to the May edition. Unfortunately April's Digest never made it out but hopefully this bumper edition will make up for it. It's been a hectic time in the Fisher household with a house move very shortly and some unexpected illnesses - all fine now though, thankfully - and I like many am certainly looking forward to the bank holiday weekend for a bit of a rest. Although Mental Health Awareness Week was 10 - 16 of May it's something we should be aware of all year round and so as always there are resources in the "Your Welfare" section at the end.

I have had some requests for resources related to the ongoing situation in Israel and Palestine, some of you may find the [Guide to avoiding antisemitic and Islamophobic hate speech when talking about Israel-Palestine](#) useful from [Solutions not Sides](#).

The FEHE Forum for Redbridge, Barking and Dagenham, and Havering is on May 26th. Providers have already had the invite through to what is going to be an exceedingly interesting session with a live action case study for you to digest. These forums will be rolled out across London so keep an eye out as your borough could be next!

Some of you may already be subscribed, but the Educate Against Hate newsletter has been revived after a break. Although predominantly aimed at schools, some of you within the FE space may still find the resources useful. A link to sign up is at the bottom of the homepage: [Educate Against Hate - Prevent Radicalisation & Extremism](#)

The DfE Coronavirus helpline is still active and information is below, along with an option for support with a positive Covid-19 case in your setting:



The banner features the HM Government logo on the left and the NHS logo on the right. The central text reads: 'Department for Education Coronavirus Helpline', 'For questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care from staff, parents and young people.', '0800 046 8687', and 'For support with a positive case in your education setting, select option 1 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday'.

Best wishes,
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Sector specific information

Further Education

The next Further Education College London Prevent Network will be held on July 8th, government guidance pending this may be a blended in-person and Teams meeting. An invite will be through in due course once logistics have been figured out.

Guidance around work-based learners has been uploaded to GOV.UK. The guidance has not changed in the move and is available here: [Guidance for further education providers on work-based learners and the Prevent statutory duty - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Higher Education

REMINDER: Prevent training and guidance for higher education (HE) practitioners is now live on GOV.UK

Prevent duty training and guidance for HE practitioners previously hosted on the Safe Campus Communities website is now [live on GOV.UK](#).

The Higher Education London Prevent Network will be held on June 10th, an invite will be with you in due course. This will be held on MS Teams.

Upcoming Training Sessions - June Dates

As mentioned in the previous digest I am running training sessions on a wider scale. MS Teams now has capacity for 1000 attendees so I've removed the 10 person per provider cap on the below sessions.

[Introduction to Incels](#) - [Tuesday June 15](#) - 14.00 - 14.45

[Online Platforms and Extremist Content](#) - [Tuesday June 15](#) - 15.30 - 16.45

I'd like to open this up to others within your institutions and teams. If you'd like your staff to attend please send through a list of email addresses and names to myself so an invite can be sent.

A reminder that sessions are open not only to FEHE providers but also to partners such as Local Authorities, Police, and others.

To book onto a session click the link of the session you'd like to book above to open an email template. If this doesn't work, please email me at jennie.fisher@education.gov.uk

CTLP Sessions with SO15

As many of you know, the Counter Terrorism Local Profiles are released on an annual basis, giving an overview of risk and threat of the areas they cover. The documents themselves cannot be shared but this year we have sessions organised with SO15 who will be giving a briefing for their area and hosting a Q&A.

If you would like to attend, please send me an email titled "[CTLP Session](#)" and I will invite you to the relevant quadrant briefing. For those who cover more than one area of London I will initially invite you to the briefing where your HQ is based and aim to disseminate a pan-London document in the coming weeks to cover the rest of London. Attendance is limited to one representative per provider and this should be the person with responsibility for Prevent, typically the Prevent Lead.

For information the initial sessions will be at the times below, with a view to hold more in the weeks following to ensure everyone has opportunity to attend.

Monday 21st June

9am -10am - North

11am -12pm - South

1pm - 2pm - East

3pm - 4pm – West

Online World Updates

In an effort to keep you up to date on movement within the online world I'll be continuing this section whenever there is news on the subject.

Online Harms Bill

The Online Safety Bill will aim to help protect young people and clamp down on racist abuse online, while safeguarding freedom of expression. More details and the white paper are available here: [Landmark laws to keep children safe, stop racial hate and protect democracy online published - GOV.UK](#) (www.gov.uk)

Parler

After being banned from both Google and Apple app stores after the Capitol attack in January, Parler has returned to Apple's app store as of May 17th. [The return](#) appears to come with some caveats around content control, possibly resulting in some content being unavailable on the iOS app while still being available on the web app.

Independent Review of Prevent

I'd like to begin with a huge thank you to those who attended the Independent Review of Prevent sessions with William Shawcross at the start of May. It was great to see so many of you there feeding into the review and providing valuable experiences of working in education with the Prevent Duty.

Importantly, the Independent Review of Prevent has re-opened the Call for Evidence. The reviewer wants to hear a broad range of opinions, expertise and experience from those who can offer an insight into what Prevent means, how it works, and how it affects individuals, organisations and communities. If you would like to submit your evidence to the Independent Reviewer of Prevent, please complete the online form at [Independent Review of Prevent: call for evidence - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). The Call for Evidence will close at 11:59pm on 26 May 2021. Accessible versions or alternative methods of submission can be made available if required by contacting the Review team at enquiries@preventreview.independent.gov.uk

Please do get involved with the call for evidence above, it will add huge value to the review to hear your experiences and insight into Prevent.

Reports and Resources

Proscription of Atomwaffen Division

Atomwaffen Division has been proscribed - [White supremacist group, Atomwaffen Division, banned in the UK - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) - and so members of Atomwaffen Division or those who invite support for the group could be jailed for up to 10 years.

Solutions not Sides

"*Solutions Not Sides* aims to tackle Antisemitism, Islamophobia and polarisation around the issue of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the UK" and

they have some useful resources, blogs, and offers of sessions available on their website: [Home | SNS \(solutionsnotsides.co.uk\)](#)

Discord Transparency Report

Discord releases reports regularly around content they have removed and user reports. One statistic of note is "Trust & Safety proactively removed **1,504 servers for Violent Extremism** in the second half of 2020 — nearly a **93% increase from the first half of the year**. This increase can be attributed to the expansion of our anti-extremism efforts as well as growing trends in the online extremism space." Full report available at this link: [Discord Transparency Report: July — Dec 2020 | by Nelly | Apr, 2021 | Discord Blog](#)

Safer Internet Day 2021 Research Report

The report shows how young people are managing reliability and misleading content online. "This research shines a light on how dealing with misleading content and contact has become a daily part of the online experience for many young people. It shows us how young people are thinking critically about what they see and taking responsibility for their actions online, but also facing emotional challenges and asking us to do more to build an internet they can trust." Full report available at this link: [An Internet Young People Can Trust: Safer Internet Day research | Safer Internet Centre](#)

GNET: Gaming and Counterterrorism

An interesting report from GNET around how gaming can be used around counter-terrorism and encouraging learning on the topic. Full report: [Bridging the Gap Between Counterterrorism Research and Practice Through Game-Based Learning – GNET \(gnet-research.org\)](#)

SO15 Updates - Engagement Opportunity

Recently I have had the pleasure of delivering sessions to FE and HE alongside my SO15 colleagues across London, sessions that have generated feedback such as:

"It was extremely beneficial and we all gained a lot of insight and I look forward to speaking with colleagues and gaining feedback from it but from the looks of it, it was very well received and staff enjoyed the session."

"It stimulated brilliant conversations afterwards and loads of positive feedback."

It's always great to have a different perspective on hand, even I have learnt a lot from SO15 colleagues presenting on their specialist subjects. If, when you're

thinking of booking training, you'd like an SO15 representative to co-present with myself or even pop along for a Q&A session do let me know and I can link you in.

Equally, if you host courses such as Public Services, Criminology, Policing, or other related subjects and would like a SO15 special guest this can also be arranged for both staff and student sessions.

Your Welfare

As we ease out of lockdown further you may find yourself feeling anxious about returning to some parts of 'normal' life. I know when I travelled on the tube recently it was rather overwhelming to be around a larger number of people and was certainly noiser than my flat has been for the past year.

The British Heart Foundation has an extensive page on advice around not only general anxiety but also specific circumstances such as going to the pub, going shopping, and going to medical appointments. This is available here: [Coming out of lockdown: staying safe and managing anxiety | BHF](#)

The NHS also has a page of 11 tips for coping with lockdown lifting and the possible resulting anxiety: [How to cope with anxiety about lockdown lifting - Every Mind Matters - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

As always, MIND has excellent resources on the same topic and also has information about finding further mental health support if you need it: [Coronavirus - managing feelings about lockdown easing | Mind, the mental health charity - help for mental health problems](#)

Currently all sessions I run are based only virtually on MS Teams. Where I'm exploring blended in-person and virtual sessions it will be entirely voluntary if you'd like to attend in person and this will always be guided by government guidance and an extensive risk assessment. You'll not miss any content by remaining virtual and any blended approach will be under constant review.

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