

March 2021

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,

I began to write that it felt that spring was finally upon us over the Easter weekend, before recalling in typical British weather fashion we had glorious sunshine followed by freezing temperatures and in some places even snow. Despite the changeable weather it was certainly nice to have a break and eat an inordinate amount of chocolate eggs while alternating between laying on the sofa and walking in the sun. I hope everyone got a chance to have a restful extended weekend, particularly as taking a break is important for everyone's wellbeing.

The murder of Sarah Everard in March will have no doubt have affected many of you and the students and staff you work with. I cannot deny that it affected me too, as like many I recall being given advice such as walk along a main road, let someone know where you

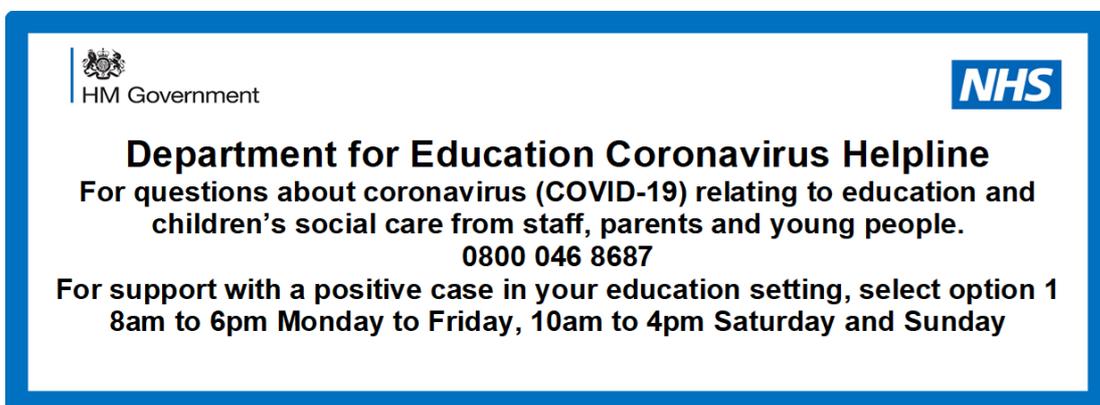
are, wear recognisable clothing, and so on in order to stay safe while still facing intimidation, harassment, and abuse. To many it will be no surprise that according to the World Health Organisation ["one in three women globally, around 736 million, have been subjected to physical or sexual violence in their lifetimes."](#) There have been many recent conversations on the topic of violence against women and as important as they are it's also important to take care of your own welfare and mental health, more on this in Your Welfare below along with support available.

It has been a busy March, you may have seen me present at the DBS or the ETF conferences or you may have attended one of the larger training sessions on offer. Due to the popularity of the open sessions there are more organised for April, details are below so do come along. The sessions are open to providers and partners alike with the only limit being 10 people per organisation. More sessions will be organised for May so keep an eye on the next digest if you can't make the April dates.

Invites have now been sent out for the FEHE Local Authority forums mentioned in the February edition. So far providers in Camden and Lambeth / Lewisham / Southwark have been contacted, and both events look to be very popular. It's a great opportunity to meet your Local Authority contacts, SO15 contacts, and even work through an interactive case study. The events are open to all relevant staff so do invite any staff you feel would benefit from attending. More boroughs will be involved in the future!

A reminder that [ACT Early](#) is still available as a resource for friends and family and includes case studies that you may find helpful. The site had 8,000+ hits in February alone and is helping many friends and family find support when they are concerned. Although it should not replace your own referral pathway it may be helpful to signpost to others or utilise in your own newsletters or training.

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 is bold and black, providing contact information for the helpline. The entire banner is enclosed in a blue border.

 HM Government 

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
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,
Jennie**

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Sector specific information

Further Education

Ofsted have released news around inspections, saying "Ofsted will inspect schools and further education & skills (FES) providers in the summer term to provide reassurance about how well children and learners are catching up, but it will not resume a full programme of graded inspections until September." More information at [this link](#).

Higher Education

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](#). A redirect is in place on the Safe Campus Communities website and any existing links to the site will now go directly to GOV.UK.

Training materials, role-specific guidance and a list of regional FE/HE coordinators have been updated to reflect current Prevent guidance and to meet accessibility regulations. Additional training modules will be added to the GOV.UK page this summer.

Upcoming Training Sessions - Update

As mentioned in the previous digest I am running training sessions on a wider scale. I still have places available on the below sessions:

[Train The Trainer](#) - [Monday April 26](#) - 14.00 - 16.30

[Introduction to Incels](#) - [Tuesday April 27](#) - 10.00 - 11.00

[Online Platforms and Extremist Content](#) - [Tuesday April 27](#) - 15.00 - 16.30

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. If the list can be kept to under 10 per provider that would be great.

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

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.

The Department for Education, in collaboration with partners in the UK Council for Internet Safety Education subgroup and the Samaritans, has developed advice for schools and colleges to support their approach to harmful online challenges and online hoaxes. Other education settings may also find it useful. It's available to read here - [Harmful Online Challenges and Online Hoaxes](#).

4Chan / 8Kun

March 15th saw the anniversary of the Christchurch terrorist attack in which 51 people lost their lives. There has been some evidence of the celebration of the attack on 4Chan and 8Kun, and GNET have produced a comprehensive report on the activity of the imageboards around the anniversary of the attack and the types of content being produced. That report is available here: [Two Years On: Understanding the Resonance of the Christchurch Attack on Imageboard Sites](#)

Gab

Some may have seen the BBC article ["Teen who called himself Hitler sentenced for terror offences"](#) which details the case of a 16 year old recently sentenced for terror offences. The article references Gab specifically:

"On the Gab social media site he glorified the murder of the MP Jo Cox by a neo-Nazi, as well as the far-right killer responsible for the deadly Finsbury Park attack in June 2017."

Those who have attended the Online Platforms and Extremist Content session will be familiar with Gab as a platform, and everyone will be familiar with the unacceptability of the glorification of terrorist acts. Accessing and using Gab isn't an immediate cause for concern, but online safety should be encouraged alongside critical thinking skills particularly in the context of the online world.

Independent Review of Prevent

The Terms of Reference for the Independent Review of Prevent have been released and are available to read in full [here](#), with an overview below:

"The Review will consider the strategy as it relates to all forms of terrorism and will consider the following in particular:

- *is Prevent achieving its objectives to support those vulnerable to being drawn into any form of terrorism? These objectives, as set out in CONTEST 2018, are to:*
 - *tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism*
 - *safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support*
 - *enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate*
- *how effectively and efficiently is Prevent being delivered at both the local and national levels and how well lessons are learned?*
- *how effectively does Prevent interact with other safeguarding and vulnerability strategies, and what are the critical dependencies and common threads?*
- *how effective is the Statutory Prevent Duty, and how effectively is it being implemented?*
- *how to respond to criticisms and complaints?*
- *what should the government consider in the development of its approach to engage with and support people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism over the next 5 years as the threat evolves?"*

The "[Ways of Working](#)" document has also been released, it provides an overview of the activity the Review will include, and the way in which it will be carried out, including more detail on how the Review will go about answering each of the questions set out in the objectives of the Review's [Terms of Reference](#).

Hope Not Hate's State of Hate: 2021

Hope not Hate release an extensive report on an annual basis around current trends in extremism. I linked a new report in the last digest - the State of Hate 2020 European Edition - but the traditional UK based report for 2021 has now been released and is available at the below link:

[State of Hate 2021](#)

The report covers conspiracy theories, the impact of Covid-19, racism, online hate, and the major players and influencers. As always it's extremely detailed and a great read.

iREPORTit App

As mentioned in the previous digest the iREPORTit app is now live. As a reminder the iREPORTit app will allow people to refer worrying or disturbing content to the CTIRU easily, effectively and, crucially, completely anonymously.

There should be no safe space for terrorists online – the CTIRU (Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit) have a team of specially trained officers who can assess each referral and take appropriate action including referring to other related teams if needed.

I have promotional materials which I'm more than happy to send round so do let me know if you'd like these sent to you. Personally, I've downloaded the app and it is exceedingly easy to use, has a simple layout, and gives a nice easy way to report disturbing and terrorist content. I've also reported content using the app and it took a mere 20 seconds!



Currently iREPORTit is only available as a completely free app, links to download below:

[Apple App Store](#)

[Google Play Store](#)

Your Welfare

As mentioned in the introduction, the murder of Sarah Everard may have affected you and people you know in many ways. It has brought many conversations to the forefront but that may be difficult for some people to discuss. Considering the WHO research shows one in three women globally have been subjected to physical or sexual violence in their lifetimes there is a large chance that many people we all know may have been subjected to such violence.

I know I have had conversations around violence against women with friends and family who have found it difficult to express to partners, husbands, and family the constant risk assessment many women undertake on a daily basis. They're important conversations to have, but they can also be distressing.

Some support is available below:

- [Domestic violence and abuse - getting help - Citizens Advice](#)
 - [Help after rape and sexual assault - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)
 - [Ask for Angela | The Met | The Met](#)
 - [Women's safety: Smartphone tips shared online - BBC News](#)
 - [Get Help \(endviolenceagainstwomen.org.uk\)](#)
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