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Doing Nothing is not an Option Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility

Safeguarding should be a key governance priority for all organisations, regardless of size, type or income not just those working with vulnerable adults, children or groups traditionally considered at risk.



Prevent Strategy

Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) has warned that the impact of Covid-19 and social isolation could make some of society's most vulnerable people more susceptible to radicalisation and other forms of grooming.

But the National Coordinator for Prevent, Chief Superintendent Nik Adams, has emphasised the help and support available for families that may be struggling to cope.

Prevent is just that – a preventative programme, that it places protection around people vulnerable to radicalisation, stopping them from being drawn into terrorism – regardless of the ideology. It works in a similar way to safeguarding processes designed to protect people from gangs, drug abuse, and physical and sexual exploitation.

People concerned that someone they know may be at risk from being radicalised by extremists are urged to seek help early, and access the advice and assistance available online and from experts.

But as a result of schools and other statutory agencies closing during the nationwide lockdown, CTP has seen a decline in the number of people referred to the Prevent programme for support since restrictions were put in place. Despite the reduction in referrals the threat to the UK from terrorism has not diminished, and CTP has adapted at pace to changes brought about by the pandemic to ensure continued protection of the UK from that threat. This includes embracing new ways of working, new technology and maintaining essential services to ensure that the CT network is evolving to meet this change in risk and threat head-on.

Indeed, the risk of radicalisation may increase for some vulnerable people, as the pandemic is driving young people to spend more unsupervised time online, where feelings of boredom and isolation may be exploited by negative influences and online groomers of all kinds.

Chief Superintendent Adams added: “Isolation may exacerbate grievances that make people more vulnerable to radicalisation – such as financial insecurity or social alienation.

“The extremists and radicalisers know this and, as ever, will look to exploit any opportunity to lead those people into harm, often using topical issues as hooks to lure them in.



If you believe someone is being radicalised then contact :
Prevent@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk
prevent@humberside.pnn.police.uk
prevent@eastriding.gov.uk
prevent@lincolnshire.gov.uk
prevent@kirklees.gov.uk
South Yorkshire Police Prevent Team 101
Anti-Terrorist Hotline (can be anonymous) on 0800 789321.

Regional Safeguarding Contacts

North East Lincolnshire Council

Adults 01472 256256 (24 hours)

Children: 01472 326292 (24 hours)

Sheffield Council

Adults: 01142 734908

(Out of hours 0114 414933)

Children: 0114 2734855 (24 hours)

North Yorkshire County Council

Adults: 0845 0349410

(Out of hours 0845 0349417)

Children: 01609 535070

(Out of hours 01609 780780)

Hull City Council

Adults: 01482 616092

(Out of hours 01482 300304)

Children: 01482 448879 (emergency 01482 300304)

East Riding Council

Adults: 01482 396940 (Out of hours 01377 241273)

Children: 01482 396999 (Out of hours 01377 241273)

North Lincolnshire Council

Adults: 01724 297000 (Out of hours 01724 298160)

Children: 01724 296500 (Out of hours 01724 296256)

Kirklees Council

Adults: 01484 414933 (24 hours)

Children: 01484 414960/45 (24 hours)

**Remember if you are in an emergency situation
a child or adult is in immediate danger call 999**

**Please report all safeguarding concerns within 48 hours to HLC's Safeguarding Team at
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