

COUNTER TERRORISM / PREVENT INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

1 PREVENT DUTY

Prevent Duty Guidance - the Counter Terrorism and Security Act received royal assent in February and will come into force in July. In discharging their section 26 duty under the act ie '*to have regard in the exercise of their functions to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism*' Schools must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State. This guidance can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

Channel Programme Guidance - part of the duty on schools will be to ensure that children at risk of being radicalised receive appropriate support. In this respect schools will be expected to refer into local Channel Programmes and will have a duty to co-operate with local Channel Programmes when requested by the Local Authority. Official guidance on the Channel Process can be found via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance>

2 HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL / PASS ON INFORMATION

The Prevent Team within Cleveland Police includes a Channel Co-ordinator. If you have any concerns about an individual you should contact Cleveland Police Prevent Team on: **01642 303397 or 01642 303394.**

Other useful numbers include: Police Non-Emergency Number: **101**

Crimestoppers: **0800 555 111**

National Anti-Terrorism hotline: **0800 789 321**

3 TRAINING FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL GOVERNORS

The new Counter-Terrorism and Security Act makes it clear that everyone in schools must have an understanding of the local risk, and the capability to deal with risk. It is important that all staff throughout the school (including support staff) and school governors are trained.

WRAP Training: Some schools have already participated in WRAP training (Workshop to Raise Awareness about Prevent) produced by the Home Office. For further information on accessing WRAP training contact Cleveland Police Prevent Team on: **01642 303397 or 01642 303394**

College of Policing E-Learning Package – Channel and Vulnerability to Extremism (New: Spring 2015). This is a new e-learning package on Channel - a multi-agency process designed to safeguard individuals. It provides information on how Channel links to the broader Government Counter-Terrorism Strategy and guidance on how to ‘recognise, understand, and refer on’ people who may be vulnerable to radicalisation. This course can be accessed via the following link:
http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html

4 PREVENT TEACHING AND LEARNING RESOURCE FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Produced by Stockton Borough Council in conjunction with Cleveland Police this teaching resource including DVD, Lesson Plans, resources and teachers guidance, has been produced to support schools to respond to the challenging topic of extremism. The training is primarily, although not exclusively, aimed at those who would co-ordinate and teach PSHE or RE. The resource pack will cost £250 and will only be available following training on how to use the product. Should schools be interested Stockton BC have agreed to deliver the training session locally free of charge without any prior commitment to purchasing the product. Attached for information is an outline of the 12 lesson plans associated with this resource. If all 5 secondary schools wish to participate the Councils Community Safety and Engagement team would be happy to co-ordinate a session which will take up a morning or afternoon.

5 UNDERSTANDING COMMUNITIES AND RISK

Ward Profiles produced by Hartlepool Borough Council provide general information on local communities on a ward level basis. These are currently being refreshed but currently provide an overview of the ward in question; key community facilities and groups; key facts; issues; and community priorities in relation to housing and environment; jobs, skills and the economy; health and well-being; and community safety. Ward Profiles can be accessed using the following link:

http://www.hartlepool.gov.uk/downloads/download/2758/ward_profiles

Counter Terrorism Local Profile – this document is produced annually by Cleveland Police using a range of intelligence sources. The CTLP provides an understanding of the local threat and risk to Cleveland relating to domestic extremism, national security issues, and the subsequent potential risks to community cohesion. This document will be available to Headteachers upon request – a hard copy will need to be signed for. To request your copy please contact Cleveland Police Prevent Team on: **01642 303397 or 01642 303394**

6 GUIDANCE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Following the Peter Clarke report recommendations the DfE Due Diligence and Counter Terrorism Group has expanded its remit and set up a dedicated telephone helpline for anyone with concerns relating to extremism **(020 7340 7264)**. This number is not intended for use in emergency situations such as a child being at immediate risk of harm where normal procedures should be applied. However the DfE are requesting that any significant incidents are also reported to the Due Dillengence Group (please see attached letter from the Director of the DfE Due Dilligence and Counter Extremism Group)

Parents who have concerns about children may look to schools for advice on how to keep children safe from the risks of extremism and radicalisation. Sources of on-line support recommended by the DfE include the following links:

<http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk/> (on-line campaign launched by Police)

<http://www.familiesmatter.org.uk/> (run by Families Against Stress and Trauma)