

Walsall Prevent Digest

Current Threat Level in the UK: SEVERE – An Attack is highly Likely

**From: Niall Markham,
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2020 has uniquely tested our ability to adapt and work together; it has also taught us valuable lessons for next year and beyond.

May the Christmas season end the present year on a cheerful note and make way for a fresh and bright New Year. Season's Greetings to you all.

Niall.



Update by Dave Chadwick, Prevent Education Officer.

As we approach Christmas very soon you will begin the wind down for a well-earned holiday. It still feels very strange not seeing some of the faces that formed regular parts of my week, but I do want to take this opportunity to share something that I hope will be of interest to some of you.

You will be aware that over the last few years I have spent a vast amount of time working in the schools, providing staff training and deliver workshops to raise young people's awareness of issues such as radicalisation, terrorism, grooming and keeping safe online. It is something I both enjoy and passionately believe in. It offers a counter narrative to some of the mind-sets and attitudes that young people are subjected to online.

The last few months have been difficult with a rise in extremist activity together with an increase in the amount of time young people are spend online. The current situation has also had a significant impact on services available to schools to challenge these issues. Niall and I are very conscious of this issue and for some time we have been looking to find a way to support you as we continue to work from home. We have been working with a third party to put together a targeted response to the issues previously outlined and to this end we are currently putting together an interactive online training package for young people, initially targeting years 5&6. I have recently had the opportunity to have a 'sneak preview' at what they have put together for us and I have to say I am really excited to see the end product which should be available following completion towards the end of December or early January. I will be in a better position to provide an update nearer the time on the content of the training package, however and just as a snapshot, the aim will be to:

EDUCATE

young people about Radicalisation.

CHALLENGE

some of the attitudes that exist online.

EMPOWER

young people to make safe choices.



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I will be looking to trial the package with a number of schools in 2021. I would appreciate it if you could E-Mail me back to share your interest. From there I will get in touch with you to share further details and arrange an appropriate time and date.

If this project proves to be as successful as we believe it will, then naturally we will look to create a similar package for secondary schools soon after – watch this space!

For those of you I don't speak to before I hope that you have a lovely Christmas and enjoy a Happy New year.

Dave.

Launch of CT Police's Act Early Prevent safeguarding Website and Campaign

Counter Terrorism Police are delighted to announce the launch of their long awaited new safeguarding website. The website is aimed at helping to increase Prevent referrals from friends and family and will include case studies, signs to spot, FAQs and details of a new national Prevent advice line. You can find more details in the attachment.

CT Police have produced a [toolkit](#) of useful assets to help partners promote the launch. The toolkit will continue to be updated with social media assets, the film, and press release materials over the coming weeks.



For Information, Support or Guidance around Prevent, or should you have any queries, concerns or are looking to make a referral, please do not hesitate to contact us...

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To access the new Walsall Local Authority Prevent Web Page and which contains a great deal of Prevent related information and resources, please use the below link:-

<https://www.saferwalsallpartnership.co.uk/prevent>