

WELCOME

Welcome to the fourth edition of our quarterly Prevent Newsletter produced by Wakefield Prevent Team.

We aim to keep you up to date with current information in respect of safeguarding against radicalisation, training, current themes, emerging themes, stickers, leaflets, online space and social media. The next edition will be released in August 2022.

CURRENT THREAT LEVEL: SUBSTANTIAL



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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT
WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT TERRORISM



STOP HATE,

BE A MATE.



Wakefield College Prevent Performance



Congratulations to the Performing Arts Students from Wakefield College who gave an excellent self-devised performance showcasing awareness of prevent in Spring this year. The story followed a young girl's journey of radicalisation and her involvement with an extreme group, it highlighted her withdrawal from her family and her regular group of friends to become part of an extreme group along with her new friend. As her story progressed, she became more and more involved with the group and their activities, her new friend realised that he no longer wanted to be part of the group and tried to talk her into leaving with him. The group felt she had to prove herself to them and this resulted in her shooting her new friend after being handed a gun by a member of the extreme group. The performance took place at the Mechanics Theatre on Wood Street and was well attended by students, partners, and parents.

Thank you for highlighting an important subject!

News and Updates



Ukraine

We have watched the Russian invasion of Ukraine unfolding with profound shock and sadness. We would encourage you to make use of official sources of information in order to stay updated. You can access the latest UK Government announcements via GOV.UK and subscribe to the feed for updates.

Community sentiment

There is also significant commentary regarding the framing of the conflict in Ukraine in some parts of the media— with problematic comparisons made to conflicts in other parts of the world. In light of this, we are encouraging you to continue to exercise the utmost sensitivity and ensure that any communications regarding the invasion of Ukraine are not perceived to de-legitimise victims of other conflicts.

Travel to Ukraine

You may have seen reporting in the media regarding travel to Ukraine. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has published advice on GOV.UK. The UK Government advises against all travel to Ukraine, and that British nationals should leave Ukraine immediately if they judge it is safe to do so.



Attack in Buffalo

The news of the horrendous attack in Buffalo, NY that claimed the lives of ten people was motivated by white supremacist ideologies. The attack is being investigated by US law enforcement as racially motivated violent extremism. We are all aware of the growing danger of the extreme right-wing and the importance of challenging poisonous, racist ideologies such as those followed by this attacker, which put many communities at specific risk of harm. This attack reinforces how important it is to challenge these behaviours.

While this attack took place abroad, it will have had a wide-reaching impact on many communities in the UK, who may now be feeling particularly fearful and vulnerable. There are a number of resources available on hate crime, via [West Yorkshire Police](#), [Stop Hate UK](#) and [True Vision](#). Groups such as [Exit UK](#) also carry out valuable work to support and help people move away from the extreme right-wing.

Beware of Lurking Trolls campaign

We want to highlight The Beware of Lurking Trolls Campaign programme for primary school children using story books, cartoons, tools and tips to learn more about online safety.

It has been developed by the Portsmouth, Hampshire, Southampton and Isle of Wight Safeguarding Board, and has been delivered to schools

A lesson plan and video on radicalisation for the programme or more precisely the process of persuasion has been developed. The intention was to make it more relatable for younger children (primary aged), so the message can be communicated in an age-appropriate way. The video can be accessed via [this link](#)

What is Lurking Trolls?

[Beware of Lurking Trolls](#) is a campaign designed to help protect children from online harm. It centres around a storybook Peril of the Possessed Pets and is used in primary schools with children aged 7 to 11 years.

There's a whole host of tyrannical trolls for children to meet who will help them learn about some of the hurtful and harmful issues they may encounter online – such as bullying, self-image, exploitation and fake news. The campaign aims to help children develop the skills they need to recognise these issues and have an understanding of how to overcome them, so that they will be safe online in the future.



Useful information

International Terrorism

The Ideology

- Internationally inspired extremists deem Western intervention in Muslim-majority countries as a 'war on Islam', creating a narrative of 'them' and 'us'.
- They seek to impose a global Islamic state governed by their interpretation of Shari'ah as state law.
- Their ideology also includes the uncompromising belief that people cannot be Muslim and British and insists that those who do not agree with them are not true Muslims.
- This ideology which these extremists follow should not be confused with traditional religious practice. It is an ideology which is based on a distorted interpretation of Islam, which betrays Islam's peaceful principles.



What is it?

International terrorism refers to terrorism that is perpetrated by groups such as Al Qaeda, Daesh, Al-Shabaab and others who operate across the globe and promote a violent extremist ideology.

The Threat Landscape

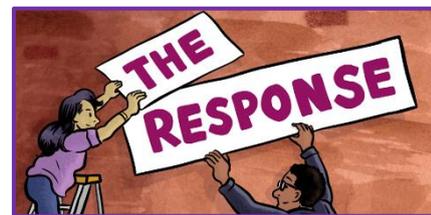
The greatest risk to UK security comes from Al Qaeda, Daesh and like-minded groups. Of the 32 attacks that have been foiled since 2017 in the UK, 18 were Al Qaeda and Daesh inspired.

There is a risk that when Covid-19 travel restrictions and stricter border controls are eased, UK citizens fighting abroad may return.

The online sphere poses a significant threat in terms of international reach for extremists as well as a continuing difficulty for investigators to access information. Terrorist groups such as Daesh rely heavily upon their propaganda being shared online where it has the potential to reach large, diverse audiences.

CPNI Video - Responding to a terrorist incident

The Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) have produced a short film which introduces the quick actions a member of staff within a retail outlet can take to lockdown their premise during a terrorist incident. The principles of which can be applied across many types of locations and ultimately acting fast can save lives.



The video is available on the CPNI YouTube channel via [this link](#).

This film is part of a series of terrorist incident films. It focuses on lockdown of your premises, hiding and alerting others. Lockdown should only be implemented if that is the best course of action.

Prevent News

Educate Against Hate Resources

On 6th May 2022 Educate Against Hate launched their 'Let's Discuss' resource packs. Each pack comprises short films, lesson plans and classroom tasks covering topics such as extreme right-wing terrorism, Islamist extremism, LASI and fundamental British values. The packs aim to help teachers facilitate difficult classroom conversations to help build students' resilience to extremist ideologies and narratives.

Victims of Extremism

People who have been targeted by extremists are being urged to share their experiences as part of a major independent review that will help the Government tackle hatred and division. The Government's independent adviser for social cohesion and resilience, Dame Sara Khan, launched a call for evidence in April to help understand how extremism harms communities.

Be Safe Be Sound

Counter Terrorism Policing is working with music venues and UK festivals, to help people enjoy their post lockdown live events safely this summer. The #BeSafeBeSound campaign was created in 2019 with the aim of sharing simple safety and security advice for music-lovers. This year, Counter Terrorism Policing is working closer than ever with some of the country's biggest promoters and venues to ensure the campaign reaches as many people as possible.



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Stickers, Graffiti and leaflets

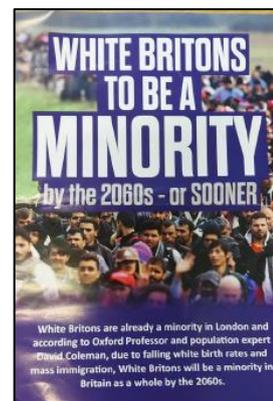


QR Codes and stickers

This image demonstrates that innocent looking stickers can often hide something more sinister. The QR code was located outside a school in the district and when scanned took you to a Facebook page about an Anti-Fascist demonstration. If you come across such stickers, please take a picture and send it to the Community Safety mailbox communitysafety@wakefield.gov.uk along with the location details.

Leaflets

We have seen an increase in leaflet drops across the district from groups such as Patriotic Alternative who claim that 'White Britons' will be in the minority by 2060. If you or anyone you know has received a leaflet like this, please drop us an email including an image, location details including street name and postcode so we can monitor activity.





Recommended viewing,
listening and reading



Click the links to access these recommendations.

Inside Britain's Far Right

Channel Four's Dispatches takes us undercover with Patriotic Alternative.



Manchester Arena

Worlds Collide: The Manchester Bombing is a two part ITV documentary about the attack at Manchester Arena in 2017.

Buffalo Shootings

The Buffalo shooting has focused attention on the role of Twitch, the gaming platform used by the gunman to broadcast a live stream of the massacre, amid renewed calls for tighter regulation of social media platforms.



MPs Under Threat: Dispatches

Kim Leadbeater MP investigates threats and abuse faced by MPs.

Incel Culture

Family members of five people killed by a gunman in Plymouth have urged the government to take action on "incel" culture in new online safety laws. They raised concerns with Security Minister Damian Hinds about the growth of hateful online content and possible links to the shootings in August 2021. Lone gunman Jake Davison, 22, killed his mother and four others including a three-year-old girl. He had discussed the incel movement on social media.



Terrorism and the mind: The Mental Health Frontline

This podcast from BBC Sounds takes a look at the debate around mental health and extremism, including how people with mental health issues are managed through Prevent.



Tareena Shakhil on Woman's hour

An interesting discussion with Tareena Shakhil, the first British woman to be found guilty of joining ISIS, on Woman's Hour.



Referral Forms – Please don't save the form!

When you need to submit a referral please download the form from the Council Website, the form is often subject to change, and you may be using an out-of-date form by storing a version locally.

For staff internal to the Council the new referral form can be found at: <http://intranet.wakefield.gov.uk/our-workplace/prevent-in-wakefield/>

For partners and other organisations, the new form can be found at:
<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/community/prevent-in-wakefield>

Training

Please note if you wish to run a team session, we are happy to facilitate this, all we ask is that you arrange a room with access to a projector and we will bring along the necessary paperwork and equipment.

Training requirements can be discussed by emailing The Prevent Team at

communitysafety@wakefield.gov.uk

Prevent Champions

We currently have an amazing team of Prevent Champions from across the district who we work with to support our local communities and the Prevent Agenda. Prevent Champions are individuals who can disseminate and share information to a wider audience as we realise, we cannot do this all by ourselves.

We will ensure any Prevent Champion will be trained and given the information they need to enable them to be confident in their role of Champion. If you are already a part of this role, we would like to take the time to thank you and if you are interested in taking on this role, **please contact us** communitysafety@wakefield.gov.uk.

How to report a Hate crime?

Click the link in these images below to see more information on how to report a crime.



National guidance:

- **The Prevent Duty**
- **Channel**
- **The Use of social media for Online Radicalisation**

Report online material promoting terrorism or extremism - Report illegal or harmful information, pictures or videos you've found on the internet. You can make your report anonymously.

If you have any further comments or feedback or anything you wish to see in this newsletter do not hesitate to contact us.

Contacts and further information for further advice,
information or training:

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