

Regional Prevent Bulletin

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West Midlands and South West



Good morning everyone

With just two weeks to go before Christmas, I am sure you are up to your eyes with Christmas wrapping, baking and prepping but hopefully managing to find some time to relax and enjoy the lead up to the Christmas holidays.

I always feel that no matter how much I prepare, December seems like a snowball rolling down a hill, gathering momentum until it hits me right between the eyes. And this coming from someone who actually has a very quiet Christmas as my family don't descend on me until 28th December!

But for now, just a couple of Prevent / work related matters to remind you of, make you aware of and let you begin to pop into your diaries for the new year!

From me, a very happy Christmas to you and your families. May the new year bring us some much need peace and joy.

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I have recently had several requests for information relating to my counterparts around the country.

All the information about our team can be accessed here. Please do not hesitate to contact them directly if you have a footprint in their regions and you wish to be added to their mailing lists.

[Regional further education \(FE\) and higher education \(HE\) Prevent co-ordinators - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Release of Prevent Referral Data for 2020/21

You may have seen the latest Prevent referrals & Channel cases data that was released by the government on 18th November.

[Individuals referred to and supported through the Prevent Programme, England and Wales, April 2020 to March 2021 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

Key headlines include:

- In the year ending March 2021, there were 4,915 referrals to Prevent, a 22% decrease in comparison with the previous year (6,287). This decrease is likely to have been driven by the effects of public health restrictions that were in place throughout the year to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
- of the 4,915 referrals to **Prevent**, half (2,522; 51%) were for individuals with a mixed, unstable or unclear ideology.
- A total of 1,229 **referrals** (25%) were due to concerns related to Extreme Right-Wing radicalisation. The number of referrals for Extreme Right-Wing

radicalisation concerns decreased by 11% compared with the previous year (1,387).

- There were 1,064 **referrals** (22%) were due to concerns related to Islamist radicalisation concerns. Referrals for concerns related to Islamist radicalisation decreased by 28% compared with the previous year (1,487).
- In the year ending March 2021, for the first time since comparable data are available (year ending March 2016), there were more Extreme-Right Wing referrals than Islamist referrals.
- The remaining 100 **referrals** (2%) were due to concerns related to other types of radicalisation. Although numbers were comparatively low, this includes concerns regarding international radicalisation groups, left-wing radicalisation and Northern Ireland-related extremism, for example.

If you look at the document on GOV.UK you will find the regional data pertaining to the West Midlands and the South-West in Section 4.

Hiding in Plain Sight

I have attached below a link to some useful research regarding disguised compliance by TACT offenders. This Discussion Paper, co-authored by Amanda Paul, Senior Policy Analyst at the EPC and Professor Ian Acheson, Senior Advisor to the Counter Extremism Project (CEP), examines how terrorist prisoners engage in 'disguised compliance', whereby they successfully deceive the professionals involved in their de-radicalisation. As evidence emerges across Europe that this tactic is a growing threat and that terrorist prisoners are actively misleading those concerned with their rehabilitation to gain the opportunity to attack again, this paper provides practical recommendations on how this growing risk can be tackled

[Hiding in plain sight? Disguised compliance by terrorist offenders \(epc.eu\)](http://epc.eu)

Counter Terrorism Policing New Winter Vigilance Campaign

As the nights draw in, and we turn our attention to the festive season, Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) is calling on businesses and the public to play their part in mitigating the threat from terrorism. The recent attack outside Liverpool Women's Hospital and the attack which tragically took the life of Sir David Amess MP sadly reminds us that the threat from terrorism is real and has not gone away

[20201127 UK Protect Winter Vigilance.pdf \(incheapside.com\)](http://incheapside.com)

Project Starlight

Following the recent publication of the new 'Project Starlight' research into the links between domestic violence and extremism, CTP's Tiffany Chapman appeared on Radio 5 Live last week to discuss the research. You can hear Tiffany about 1hr 15 minutes into the programme and it can be listened to [here](#) but you will need an account to gain access.

Resilience in Unity Project

I was delighted to have been invited to attend the launch of the [Resilience in Unity Project](#) which aims to educate wider society on the risks we face from terrorism. It is designed to educate people about how to recognise the potential warnings signs and provides resources for those aiming to counter the spread of hate and division in our communities.

The resource was developed by Travis Frain, who was injured in the Westminster Bridge attack. The project is supported by National Counter Terrorism Police. Please do take a look.



Resources

You may have seen the launch of a suite of social media resources building on the ACT Early Brand. It is designed for young people, encouraging them to seek support for a friend or family member vulnerable to radicalisation. More information relating to this can be found here

<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/counter-terrorism-policing-launch-innovative-new-letter-to-my-younger-self-videos/>

Prevent referrals from friends and family are low in number but of good quality because they are motivated by genuine concerns from someone who has real insight into the context of the vulnerable person. Please do feel free to share these links widely. The toolkit can be accessed here:

<https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/actearlyrealstories/>

- <https://twitter.com/TerrorismPolice/status/1458357762644013061>
- <https://fb.watch/9bpWNPwzSW/>
- <https://www.linkedin.com/feed/update/urn:li:activity:6864139113377927168>

Going Too Far

On the 20th September an interactive classroom resource developed by the Department for Education and London Grid for Learning was launched to help students understand extremism and how certain online behaviour may be illegal or dangerous. The resource aims to promote critical thinking and to build resilience using recent case studies with discussion points so young people can:

- **explore** the techniques used by extremists and evaluate digital content, to help make positive choices about who/what is trustworthy online
- **challenge** extremist narratives
- **consider** the consequences of their actions and take a positive stand

The material includes:

- **Starter videos** featuring subject experts
- **Scenario-based activities** to explore potential risks, whether gaming, or on social media
- **Getting Help area**, signposting to trusted sources for support and reporting channels
- **Teacher mode tab** with access to printable notes, extension activities, mini video guides and suggested answers to help lead informative discussions
- **SEND & Inclusion area** with video with audio narration, alternative text versions and differentiated questions to help teachers support as wide a range of learners as possible.

The resource can be accessed directly at www.goingtoofar.lgfl.net or through the Educate Against Hate website at www.educateagainsthate.com/resources/going-too-far

Dates for your diary

Please do add these dates to your diary and I will send out the Eventbrite links to join in the New Year.

Prevent Training wash up session – for new staff or staff who may have missed a recent presentation in house. Maximum 6 per organisation – 1st February 2022

West Midlands Regional FEHE Forum 3rd February All day event. The venue will be confirmed as this will be a physical meeting restrictions permitting

South West Regional FEHE Forum Monday 7th February 0900 – 1400. This will be a virtual event

FEHE Forums 2022

Birmingham and Solihull 8th February 1000-1100

Herefordshire and Worcestershire 8th February 1130-1230

Shropshire 8th February 1430-1530

Warwickshire and Coventry 9th February 1430-1530

Walsall Wolverhampton Sandwell & Dudley 9th February 1300-1400

Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent – please email me if you do not receive an invite via Sarah Dyer

Dept for Education Prevent Planning Webinars for FE providers

Whether you are a new provider or simply require some basic support and advice around risk assessments, action planning and setting up the basics, then do register for one of the webinars being provided below. All sessions are **free** so please do register via the Eventbrite links provided.

25th January 2022

[Prevent Planning for FE Skills Providers Tickets, Tue 25 Jan 2022 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

26th April 2022

[Prevent Planning for FE Skills Providers Tickets, Tue 26 Apr 2022 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

19th July 2022

[Prevent Planning for FE Skills Providers Tickets, Tue 19 Jul 2022 at 10:30 | Eventbrite](#)

**And finally, before I wish you all a
Very Merry Christmas & A Happy 2022
A Christmas Quiz!**

Name that Christmas Tune!

Some well know tunes and some not so well know! Send me your answers and there may even be a prize for the first couple of responses with all the answers right – but you must respond with the correct name of the song!

1. And so this is Christmas, I hope you have fun. The near and the dear one. The old and the young
2. Running here and there all around the square. Saying catch me if you can. He led them down the streets of town. Right to the traffic cop
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow. Nor thorns infest the ground
4. A pair of Hop-a-long boots and a pistol that shoots. Is the wish of Barney and Ben
5. Not only were they kissing, they were drinking milk and eating cookies together
6. So I turned my head a second and the man was gone. But he left his drivers wallet smack dead on the lawn
7. A song, a song, high above the trees. With a voice as big as the sea
8. The word is out, about the town. To lift a glass and don't look down
9. They've got cars big as bars, they've got rivers of gold. But the wind goes right through you, it's no place for the old
10. May your days be merry and bright
11. Jingle bell time is a swell time. To go glidin' in a one-horse sleigh
12. Mary nodded....the ox and lamb kept time
13. Christmas eve will find me, here the love light gleams
14. He's making a list. He's checking it twice
15. Everybody knows a turkey and some mistletoe
16. Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?
17. Down through the chimney with lots of toys. All for the little ones, Christmas joys
18. Oh what joy and what surprise. When I open up my eyes
19. You're as cuddly as a cactus. You're as charming as an eel
20. Strike the harp and join the chorus

Enjoy [A Very Merry Muslim Christmas - YouTube](#) Recorded this a few years ago but just as applicable in 2021!