



Message from Deborah Lightfoot, LSCB Chair

This month we are focussing on Prevent duties, to protect children and young people from the risks of extremism and terrorism. We highlight legislation and our local response, as well as our local training. We are very grateful for our report from the local "Safe From" participation project summarising their work. Local young people shared their report at our Board in June.

PREVENT

The focus of Prevent is on the significant threat posed by international terrorism and those in the UK, who are inspired by it. It is also concerned with reducing threats, risks and vulnerabilities posed by domestic extremists such as those from the far right and far left, extreme animal rights activists and those involved in Northern Irish related terrorism.

Prevent is supported by three objectives:

- Responding to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it (ideology);
- Preventing people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support (individuals); and
- Working with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation which we need to address (institutions).

Department of Education Guidance - [The Prevent duty: Departmental advice for schools and childcare providers \(June 2015\)](#)

[Find out more on our website under Parents & Carers / Radicalisation and Extremism](#)

Safeguarding Referrals: Channel and Prevent Case Management

If you are concerned that an individual may be at risk of radicalisation, you should treat this as you would any other safeguarding issue; and escalate it using your normal internal procedures and informing the SPA for Kingston (0208 547 5008) or Richmond (0208 891 7969).

If a referral is then made to the Council's Prevent Lead, and it is determined that there are concerns around radicalisation and violent extremism in relation to the referred individual, they can be supported through either Channel or Prevent Case Management processes.

The LSCB offers Prevent training, as does Adult Services. Find out more here:

kingstonandrichmondlscb.org.uk/children-young-people/safe-from-campaign-84.php

What is Channel?

Channel is an early intervention multi-agency process designed to safeguard vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremism and/or terrorism. Channel works in a similar way to other safeguarding partnerships such as case conferences for children in need.

Channel is a pre-criminal process that is designed to support vulnerable people at the earliest possible opportunity, before they become involved in illegal activity.

Extremism

If you are concerned that a child, young person and/or their parents may hold extremist views or are at risk of being radicalised you have a duty to ensure that they receive support to protect them from being drawn into terrorism.

Safe From...Radicalisation, Extremism, and Counter-Terrorism

As part of its participation programme the LSCB sponsored schools & colleges in Kingston and Richmond as well as AfC, to work together to look at "Safe From Extremism". We trained up peer researchers from 11 schools and colleges across both boroughs who worked with 200 local young people to find out their views. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE. These messages will go to the Community Safety Partnership in Richmond and Safer Kingston. Of those canvassed, high numbers of students were aware of the words:

	Richmond Male	Richmond Female	Kingston Male	Kingston Female
Extremism	85%	95%	74%	82%
Radicalisation	75%	69%	62%	59%
Terrorism	83%	97%	97%	96%

	Richmond Male	Richmond Female	Kingston Male	Kingston Female
School or college	18%	16%	36%	28%
My parents	12%	22%	39%	28%
Their parents		11%	8%	6%
Police	18%	11%	15%	10%
Friends		11%	9%	43%

There was a clear lack of blame on the young people, rather a sense that they were being exploited through their vulnerabilities and dependencies (as children on adults).

Our work found that young people are aware and concerned about these issues. They want to be able to discuss and acknowledge them. They want to be empowered with knowledge and understanding in engaging environments where they can also express how they feel.

The respondents have been only too willing to share the range of emotions they feel about extremism and terrorism. Respondents in focus groups felt sad, vulnerable, scared and angry. Our researchers identified that youth services, schools and colleges were in a strong position to raise awareness and support anxieties. In six months, the LSCB will be returning to its local services to find out what they have done as a result of this helpful work.

Readers can find the report here: kingstonandrichmondlsqb.org.uk/children-young-people/safe-from-campaign-84.php