Spring Term

# Welcome to the Derbyshire County Prevent newsletter!

I am Joie Cain, the Prevent Education and Engagement Officer for Derbyshire.

I'm here to support schools to deliver the Prevent duty in any way that I can. If you'd like to know more, feel free to get in touch for a chat.

I will be sending a quarterly newsletter with updates and resources, as well as upcoming training and dates to remember.

Happy spring and welcome back from half-term!

Please read the significant policy change at the end of this newsletter.

## **Upcoming Events**

### **Training Opportunities**

#### **Prevent Training**

Online Staff Prevent Awareness Training for Education

(new dates added)

Course: Prevent (Counter Terrorism) Webinar

These sessions cover all of the important issues that staff need to know for Prevent (What is Prevent? What is radicalisation? Case study example, Common signs of vulnerability & radicalisation, Current threat level & the main risks from terrorism & extremism).

The session is suitable for all education sector organisations but is particularly useful for smaller organisations who may struggle to provide a more detailed Prevent input to smaller staff cohorts. You can use this training for new staff in all education-based organisations or for those staff who need a more detailed insight or update.

As before certificates of attendance & a user survey will be sent out after the session using the MS Teams attendance list. Staff must register correctly using their correct names & business email addresses to ensure they are included in this.





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# **PREVENT Newsletter**

# Prevent planning webinar for FE Skills providers

Free quarterly webinar session, aimed at briefing new providers, those that are less confident in their arrangements or just wish to ensure that they remain compliant with the Prevent Duty.

This webinar has been completely updated to meet the changes of the revised Prevent Duty Guidance.

Attendees will receive a detailed slide set resource and a certificate of attendance after the session.

Follow the link below for dates and registration:

Prevent training for schools.

## **Other Training**

Jennie Fisher, the DfE Prevent Coordinator for London, has relaunched her training events. Dates and information below.

- Induction / Refresher: A session for those new to Prevent or those who need a refresher.
  Includes risk and threat for London, the radicalisation process, and an interactive case study.
- Intro to Incels: An introduction to incels including terminology, social media use, and potential concerns. Also includes placement within the wider manosphere.
- Online Platforms: A deep dive into sites which feature in Prevent concerns, includes how they work, where concerns may arise, and examples of concerning content.
- Gaming and Extremism: A deep dive into gaming including gaming adjacent platforms, gamification, game mods, and bespoke games.

#### Links to register:

Wednesday July 10<sup>th</sup>:

- 9:00 10:00 Induction / Refresher
- 10:30 11:15 Intro to Incels
- 13:30 14:30 Online Platforms
- <u>15:00 16:00 Gaming and Extremism</u>

Registration closes 24hrs before the event begins, and links to join are shared 30 minutes in advance. Tickets are limited to 800 per session.

### **Radicalisation Policy**

The Extremism and Radicalisation Policy for Schools has been updated and is always available on SchoolsNet.

Note: this policy is continually updated.

### **IMPORTANT PREVENT UPDATE!**

An important change has been made to Prevent policy in the aftermath of the Southport attack. This is an interim policy as it is still being reviewed, but this will be especially relevant for schools. A new criterion for Prevent referrals has now been added: Fascination with Extreme Violence or Mass Casualty Attacks (FEVMAC). This is in contrast to previous policies, as this new criteria does not necessarily require a driving ideology (such as Extreme Right Wing or Islamist ideology). Moving forward, cases will be relevant for Prevent if the person has an unhealthy interest in committing extreme or mass violence. This includes: fascination with school massacres, previous terror attacks, spree killers, knife attacks, etc. A fascination would be indicated by preoccupation, manipulating conversations to the favoured topic, researching the topic at inappropriate times, watching or sharing graphic, gory videos, etc. The key factor in this new criteria is in the word 'committing.' While we are aware that this is a significant change and is somewhat ambiguous, we are always available to provide guidance and discuss it further. We encourage you to contact our team to discuss any concerns or potential referrals. Feel free to reach out any time.