

Prevent & wider safeguarding during COVID Crisis

Please find an update provided by the Cardiff Prevent Team & Welsh Government:-

Information for schools

Referral Process

Please note there will be **no change to how you access Prevent support or make referrals to Channel**. Referrals will continue to be submitted directly into MASH alongside the All Wales Prevent Referral Form. Colleagues from the Local Authority, Police & WECTU Prevent teams continue to be available to discuss any Prevent related concerns and provide pathway advice for any Prevent referrals. The monthly Channel panel will continue via secure conference call. The key message is that Prevent partners remain committed to supporting colleagues and are available to support you in identifying vulnerability & ensuring that referrals (& potential referrals) are managed appropriately.

Colleagues from the Cardiff Prevent team will liaise directly with colleagues who have WRAP/Prevent training sessions scheduled for coming weeks and facilitate the re-scheduling of these sessions.

Contact details

Please find the contact details for members of the Cardiff Prevent Team who are available to support with any Prevent concerns identified during this period:-

Stephanie Kendrick-Doyle – Prevent Co-ordinator - Mobile 07779 961266

Tom Noaks – Prevent Education Officer - Mobile 07811980031

Rhys Prosser – Community Engagement Officer - Mobile 07896 884405

Information for Parents/Carers

Please feel free to share with parents/carers:-

Keeping Children Safe Online

With the prospect of schools across Wales remaining closed for a significant period of time, the likelihood of children spending a considerable amount of time researching, gaming or communicating online will increase. The priority for all parents and teachers is to keep children safe online, prevent harm and safeguard at all times. People may choose to exploit the most vulnerable within our communities because they understand during these challenging times children will be online more than usual. Please consider the following when you or your child is online.

Children should;

- Know who they are talking to
- Check if they can access material, play games
- Protect their online reputation
- Only open messages from sources they trust
- Do not give out personal information
- Do not share images, video of inappropriate material
- Speak to someone if they feel uncomfortable
- Understand not everything online is true
- Block and report people who are trolling
- Do not give into pressure
- Think before they post
- Keep safe online

Parents should;

- Monitor who their child is communicating with online
- Monitor the content and material accessed or downloaded
- Check content is appropriate
- Set boundaries and parental controls

- Discuss their online activity
- Manage / check privacy settings
- Know where to find help

Reporting concerns

If you or someone you know comes across any terrorist or extremist material online this can be shared anonymously via the below link:-

You can report material such as:

- articles, images, speeches or videos that promote terrorism or encourage violence
- content encouraging people to commit acts of terrorism
- websites made by terrorist or extremist organisations
- videos of terrorist attack

<https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism>

Concerns can be shared directly with South Wales Police via 999 in an emergency, 101 or to report crime via the online reporting tool:-

<https://www.south-wales.police.uk/en/contact-us/do-it-online/>

Parentzone

For the forthcoming financial year the Cardiff Prevent Team are working in partnership with Parentzone on online safety company. Parentzone have made their online resources free for all parents & carers for the next three months, they are available here:-

<https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

Information on popular apps

Please also find attached information on a number of popular apps that children & young people may be using during this period of enforced absence. This includes how individuals

can keep themselves safe whilst using social media and the reporting process for any concerns you experience whilst using these apps.



SafetyCard2020_Ins
tagram.pdf



SafetyCard2020_Sn
apchat.pdf



SafetyCard2020_Tik
Tok.pdf

Other useful resources:-

There are a number of other useful websites that can support parents & carers with online safety at this difficult time.

www.childnet.com

[www.cyberaware.gov.uk/](http://www.cyberaware.gov.uk)

www.getsafeonline.org

[www.nspcc.org.uk/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk/](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)