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Dear All

Welcome to the **December 2022** edition of the NHS England Prevent National Newsletter. This newsletter will serve to keep you up to date on the latest issues regarding Prevent. Your continued commitment and engagement with the Prevent Agenda is very much appreciated.

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1. Home Office Prevent Training Service:

The Home Office are pleased to announce a new Prevent training service, where you will be able to complete four Prevent training courses available at: www.gov.uk/prevent-duty-training

We are aware that some users have had difficulties in obtaining their certificate at the end of the legacy training course. Please use the new training service URL above to complete your training without any issues.

We are sorry for the inconvenience that this may cause and thank you for your patience, understanding and continued support.

Please note: the Home Office eLearning resources can complement the Health Education (eLearning for health) suite of Radicalisation Awareness modules which are available on their website or your organisational learning management system.

Level 1 & 2 E-Learning:

- [Preventing Radicalisation Awareness Basic](#)

Level 3 E-Learning

- [Preventing Radicalisation - Level 3](#)
- [Preventing Radicalisation \(specifically for Mental Health care staff\) – Level 3](#)

The Royal College of GPs have also produced Prevent eLearning available on the RCGP's website. [RCGP's e-learning](#)

2. Independent Review of Prevent:

We wanted to make you all aware that the Home Office has now received the final version of the [Independent Review of Prevent](#). This was submitted to the Department by the **Reviewer, William Shawcross**, and will now be considered in full by the Home Office before being laid before Parliament. The Government will publish the report and their response as soon as possible, after taking the necessary time to prepare and deliver a considered response.

The recently announced [CONTEST refresh](#) will also consider the findings of the Independent Review of Prevent.

We will of course keep you informed in respect of any developments and provide a full briefing once the report has been published.

3. Rising number of young people being radicalised:

London's top counter-terrorism officer has warned that the Metropolitan Police is becoming "increasingly concerned" by the number of young people being radicalised by extremist ideologies. It comes as [Home Office figures](#) reveal that 33 under-18s were arrested for terror offences in the year leading up to June 2022 – the largest number ever recorded – with the majority relating to far-right ideology.

Commander Richard Smith, head of the Met's **Counter Terrorism Command**, has called on the public to be "vigilant", urging parents and carers to "get in touch and act early, in order to prevent their loved ones from going down a dangerous path towards radicalisation".

On Wednesday, Mayor of London Sadiq Khan announced that he would be investing a further £725,000 in grassroots community groups in a bid to counter extremism and tackle the rise in hate crimes in the capital.

Please read story [here](#)

4. 14-year-olds being "sucked into world of Incels:

Incel' is an abbreviation of 'involuntary celibate', referring to an individual's desire for, but lack of, romantic and sexual success. Incels express intense hatred for women and usually believe that they are entitled to sexual and romantic attention, or that this is a fundamental need. They perceive women as denying them this need, motivating resentment.

In a feature about the Channel 4 Documentary, '[The Secret World of Incels](#)' and the issue of young teenagers being sucked into the incel culture. **Maeve Park**, an incel researcher from [Groundswell Project UK](#), advises that concerned fathers should contact Prevent if needed and pointing the individual towards therapy and other mental health services.

Full coverage of the report can be found [here](#).

5. Majority of terrorists were radicalised online says new report:

The findings of a newly-published study by **Dr Jonathan Kenyon – His Majesty’s Prison & Probation Service**, **Dr Jens Binder – Nottingham Trent University** and **Dr Christopher Baker-Beall – Bournemouth University** show that the majority of people found guilty of terrorism offences in Britain were radicalised online, with half of those radicalised having mental health issues, personality disorders, depression, or autism. The research, which was carried out on behalf of the Ministry of Justice, examined the official risk ERG 22+ assessments of every offender convicted of terrorism charges in prison since 2010 in England and Wales.

It found that the internet is playing an “increasingly prominent” part in pathways to radicalisation, but also that plots initiated from attackers radicalised online were those “most likely” to be foiled. A third of the sample of criminals considered in the research had mental health problems or personality disorders.

Please read news story [here](#)

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6. Violent individuals with personalised ideologies and mental health issues-RAN discussion:

The Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) has held recent discussions involving mental health practitioners, police, psychologists, intelligence personnel and local authorities on ‘the changing frameworks of (extremist) ideologies’

The aim of the meeting was to better understand how recent societal developments (e.g. Covid-19, the war in Ukraine and the energy crisis) and the deteriorating mental health of some individuals can affect extremists.

It was that practitioners are encountering countering individuals with particular characteristics: potentially violent, with very individualised ideologies rooted in their own personal grievances (or trauma) towards different groups- and in many cases, government institutions.

According to the discourse, the incidence of these traits has increased in severity and frequency over the last couple of years. The root cause of this phenomenon is difficult to establish because it is intertwined with these current issues and developments in society, and it becomes even harder to pin down the

cause when mental health problems come into play.

The accompanying paper recommends that extremism risk assessments need to be connected more to psychologists as assessors. It also advises that risk assessment, practitioners need to broaden their horizon/perspective to consider the person on an individual level and move beyond just looking ideologies.

Please read more [here](#)

7. [Sandwell's Online Safety Guide for parents and carers:](#)

A new guide for parents and carers helping to raise awareness of how to keep children safe online and prevent them being targeted by radical and extremist material has been launched as part of Sandwell's Safer 6 campaign.

The '*Online Safety - Against Extremism*' booklet was created by Sandwell Council's Prevent team, and can be found [here](#).

8. [Sharma Woman's Centre Prevent Event - BBC East Mids. coverage](#)

The BBC has recently provided coverage of a recent Prevent event at the

[Sharma Woman's Centre](#), where women in Leicester are being trained to spot the signs of children being manipulated by violent extremists, and how to ask for help.

Please see the full news feature [here](#)

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TO HEAR
FROM YOU**

Thank you for reading our Prevent newsletter, and on behalf of NHSE Safeguarding can we wish you all a restful festive period and a happy and prosperous new year.



If have any suggestions or request for future news items or articles relating to Prevent which you would like to see in future editions, please let us know.

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