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Who is this information for?

It is a sad fact that radicalisation and terrorism can happen anywhere and vigilance is needed by us all. This leaflet is for anyone in the Bristol area who has concerns about the effects of extremism and radicalisation on their friends, family or community. The aim of this leaflet is to inform you of what help and information is available.

What is violent extremism?

Violent extremism is a real threat to all our communities. Violent extremists actively aim to damage community relations and create division. This is why it is vital that we all work together to support those that are vulnerable to being drawn into supporting or committing acts of terrorism.

What is radicalisation?

Groups who pose a threat to our safety in the UK seek to recruit people to support terrorism (this process is called radicalisation) Radicalisation is driven by a belief which supports the use of violence. We do not need to understand the ideologies or ideas that are promoted, more the way they hook into the most vulnerable in our community.

Extremists with a cause will attempt to motivate those who might be sympathetic to their cause, intimidate those who do not, or seek the vulnerable in our community and coach them into supporting their way of thinking.

What can you do if you have any concerns about someone you know?

Check your understanding by looking at some of the websites below. If you are still concerned you have a number of options:

- 1 Speak to someone you trust and see if they share your concerns.
- 2 Contact one of the help agencies.
- 3 Contact the **Police Prevent Team**. The Police Prevent Team have both male and female staff on their team to assist you. Staff are always happy to give advice or direct you to other support services. They can also put you in touch with a representative from your community if you wish.

Contact the team:

Telephone **0117 945 5539**, or **101** (and ask for the 'Prevent Team')
Email **channelsw@avonandsomerset.police.uk**

If it is an emergency always ring 999

Useful websites will give you further information help and support:

- **preventtragedies.co.uk** website for family members to share their concerns so they can access the help and support they need to protect their loved ones.
- **victvs.co.uk/resources** Parents guide to extremism and radicalisation.

- **avonandsomerset.police.uk/newsroom/features/preventing-terrorism-and-extremism/** Avon and Somerset Police website offers help and information.
- **Itai.info** Let's Talk About It has been created to provide a greater understanding of the support Prevent can offer and to challenge division and negativity in our communities through positive and effective attitude changes. By highlighting the issues and initiating discussions around the potential threats we face as a community, we can create greater understanding and wider awareness.
- **internetmatters.org** Website has lots of information, advice and resources which can be used to help children stay safe online.
- **childline.org.uk** Childline is a private and confidential service for children and young people up to the age of 19 to report any issues that concern them.

If you have any concerns about your child, you can talk to their teacher, college tutor or anyone at the school who will be able to support you.