

Safeguarding

Language Schools can help to protect their students from extremist and violent views in the same ways that they help to safeguard them from drugs, gang violence or alcohol. The purpose must be to protect children and young people from harm and to ensure that they are taught in a way that is consistent with the law and our values, ensuring balanced debate as well as freedom of speech. Staff can identify and offer support to students who may be drawn into extremism. This work is often best conducted through partnership solutions, not necessarily through single agency Police involvement. Dorset Police can advise on the safeguarding referral mechanism, **Channel** or on issues that are dealt within the educational establishment.

Channel is a multi-agency process, which provides support to those individuals who may be vulnerable to being drawn into any form of terrorism. Through Channel, partner agencies work together to assess the nature and the extent of the risk of radicalisation, and where necessary provide an appropriate support package tailored to an individual's needs. The multi-agency involvement in the Channel process ensures that vulnerable individuals have access to a wide range of support. This can include support provided by mainstream services such as health and education, through to guidance and mentoring to increase theological understanding and/or challenge the claims of violent ideologies. It also includes wider diversionary activities such as access to appropriate training or education courses. The partners involved will be those that can provide the best relevant support to address the needs or vulnerabilities identified. Partners can include:

- Local authorities, Adult and Children Services;
- Housing, Education, Health, Probation, Prisons;
- Police;
- Other Emergency Services;
- Youth Offending Teams;
- UK Border Agency and UK Border Force;
- Community and Voluntary Services; and local communities.

Free training is offered to all staff, for more information please contact the Prevention Team Manager at Prevent@Dorset.PNN.Police.UK

Safeguarding referrals can be made via SRU@Dorset.PNN.Police.UK