



North Tyneside Council

# North Tyneside Council Employment & Skills

## Safeguarding/Prevent Procedure

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### 1. Statement of Intent

- 1.1 North Tyneside Council's Adult Learning Service (NTC ALS) follows the procedures set out in the interagency procedures produced by the North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Partnerships (NTSCP) and North Tyneside Safeguarding Adult Board (SAB).

<https://www.norhtynesidescp.org.uk/>

<https://my.norhtyneside.gov.uk/category/1033/safeguarding-adults>

<https://my.norhtyneside.gov.uk/category/488/are-you-worried-about-child>

North Tyneside Council is strongly committed to practices and policies that protect children, young people and vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, significant harm, radicalisation and extremism. This protocol recognises and accepts our role and responsibility in ensuring the safeguarding of our learners as required by Ofsted and relevant funding bodies, the Children Act 1989 the Care Act 2014, the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE 2019) and Working together to safeguard children (2019) statutory guidance. For forms of abuse and key terms see appendix 1.

NTC ALS also recognises that it has a responsibility to protect staff from unfounded allegations of abuse and threats.

### 1.2 Definitions

- For the purpose of this protocol children are defined in the Children Act of 1989 as a person under the age of 18 years.
- The Care Act 2014 defines an adult at risk as a person aged 18 and over and;
- Has needs for care and support (whether or not the authority is meeting any of those needs)
- Is experiencing, or at risk of, abuse or neglect  
**and**
- As a result of those needs is unable to protect himself or herself against the abuse or neglect or the risk of it.

The definition of safeguarding children is:

- protecting children from maltreatment
- preventing impairment of children's health or development

- ensuring that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
- taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

### Prevent Agenda

- Extremism is defined in the Prevent Strategy 2011 as vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.
- The Terrorism Act 2000 defines terrorism as an act that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people and/or damage to property; or seriously interferes with or disrupts an electronic system.
- Radicalisation is defined as the process by which people come to support terrorism and violent extremism and, in some cases, to then participate in terrorist groups.

**1.3** NTC ALS is committed to continuous improvement in safeguarding and Prevent and will adhere to North Tyneside Council and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) requirements. NTC ALS will ensure/provide a safe, healthy and supportive environment wherever learning takes place, including work placements and/or training delivered by a partner organisation on behalf of NTC ALS.

1. Safeguarding and Prevent within Employment & Skills will be overseen by the Adult Learning and Employment & Skills Management group in conjunction with the Safeguarding and Prevent Task Group.
2. Learners will receive training about the dangers of radicalisation and extremism as well as safeguarding when starting their learning during induction with their tutor/instructor and will include the procedure for reporting any incidents or concerns.
3. Learners will receive a Learner Handbook which outlines how they can stay safe, e-safety, British Values and how to report concerns and complaints.
4. Learning environments will be risk assessed and control measures put in place to safeguard both learners and staff.
5. Notice boards will be visible throughout centres supporting learner's awareness of safeguarding, radicalisation and extremism, British Values and how to report a concern.
6. Learners organising their own placements will have a DBS and must request a copy of the organisations safeguarding policy and share this with the tutor/assessor.
7. External placements and apprenticeship employers will undergo a risk assessment before the placement begins.
8. Apprenticeship employers will receive a handbook that identifies what to do if they have a concern.

## **2. Responsibilities**

**2.1** NTC ALS has trained Safeguarding and Prevent Officers who are accountable to the Head of Service:

- Belinda Payne - Programme Manager – Apprenticeships
- Val Rooney-Tutor/Assessor Adult Learning
- Helen Samuel (Trainee Safeguarding Officer) - Programme Manager - Connexions Service.
- Gemma Welsh (Trainee Safeguarding Officer) Programme Coordinator Study Programme

**2.3** **It is the responsibility of the Designated Safeguarding Leads to:**

- Offer support and guidance for safeguarding and Prevent concerns.
- Keep a central record of all safeguarding and Prevent referrals and actions.
- Support the training of staff on Prevent, Child Exploitation, British Values and Safeguarding
- Review new legislation and training to share with managers and their staff teams.
- Undertake refresher training every 2 years
- Liaise with local safeguarding and Prevent support networks and agencies
- Contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) to refer allegations made against professionals in the workforce (including paid employees and volunteers).
- Chair a half-termly Safeguarding Leads meeting to include a member of the Senior Lead Team
- Matters arising from Safeguarding Leads meetings will be reported on at Adult Learning Managers meetings.
- Strategic matters arising are reported to E & S managers meeting via standing agenda item then actioned or cascaded as needed
- Allegations, significant issues or urgent matters will be referred to senior Lead team in parallel to the appropriate safeguarding/prevent procedure.
- The DSL will escalate significant issues to Assistant Director of Education, Director of Education and Cabinet Member.

**2.4** **It is the responsibility of all staff and tutors to:**

- Ensure all learners are made aware of safeguarding, bullying and harassment, radicalisation and extremism (Prevent) and E-Safety policies, protocols, procedures and guidelines during induction.
- Distribute the Learner Handbook/E-Safety Guide and Acceptable Usage Policy at their discretion where learners are required to access online resources. The learners' signature is required on the induction checklist and as part of the e portfolio induction to indicate they have received and understood it.

- Integrate Safeguarding, British Values and PREVENT into teaching, schemes of work and lesson plans.
- Carry out visual checks of teaching spaces before the commencement of the session.
- Ensure registers are completed at the beginning of a class and if a learner is missing note accordingly and make contact as soon as possible to ensure they are safe. If they cannot make contact, they should refer the concern to a manager.
- Inform a Safeguarding/Prevent Officer if any concerns are raised or identified, or report directly to Front Door or the Police if urgent. (See appendix 2).
- Refer any concerns about a colleague or volunteer directly to the DSL
- Embed E-safety information during induction and on programme where online access forms a substantial part of learning programme (e.g. internet and e-mail courses/ modules, distance learning). Ensure learners are aware of e safety reporting procedures and protocol for accessing online material during sessions. (link to e safety policy)
- Use only NTC ALA issued equipment to contact learners.
- Keep themselves and learners safe and understand the following:
  - Respect and Consideration procedure
  - Disciplinary Procedure (learners and NTC employers)
  - PREVENT agenda.
  - E Safety Policy
  - Live Lesson Protocol
- Adhere to the NTC Code of Practice
- No staff member or volunteer should transport learners in their own vehicles unless after consultation with manager it is agreed in exceptional circumstances i.e. illness to do so with another adult in the vehicle and the owner of the vehicle has Business Class car insurance.
- Staff/volunteers should be aware of indicators of abuse, neglect and radicalisation and extremism so that they are able to identify cases of young people and adults at risk who may be in need of help or protection
- All staff/volunteers should know what to do if a young person or adult at risk tells them they are being abused or neglected. Staff should know how to manage the requirement to maintain an appropriate level of confidentiality. This means only involving those who need to be involved, such as the designated safeguarding lead (or a deputy) and children's / adult's social care. Staff should never promise a young person or adult that they will not tell anyone about a report of abuse, as this may ultimately not be in the best interests of the child / adult.
- All staff/volunteers should attend safeguarding and Prevent training annually as part of their CPD plans and a training log will be kept centrally.
- All staff/volunteers will reapply for DBS every 3 years.
- PM team meetings or curriculum support cascade key discussion points from DSL meeting to all staff during regular team meetings through safeguarding and Prevent standard agenda item.

## **2.5 It is the responsibility of Programme Managers to ensure:**

- Tutors are inducted into their role and all policies and protocols including safeguarding and PREVENT are understood.
- Tutors undertake training on safeguarding issues and PREVENT and have the necessary information/documentation on the safeguarding protocol. This is tracked to ensure training is up to date.
- All tutors to have access to all interdependent policies.
- Check all safeguarding/Prevent is being adhered to during the Observation of Teaching and Learning.
- Ensure employers/placement providers receive information and contact details on how to refer concerns and how to spot issues.
- Ensure that Safeguarding and Prevent is on agendas for all meetings.
- Ensure all staff/volunteers are aware of and fully understand the Safeguarding and Prevent Policy.

## **2.6 It is the responsibility of the Senior Leadership team to ensure:**

- Provide representation during regular DSL meetings.
- Review and oversee significant issues reported via the DSL
- Positively promote the Prevent agenda and British Values through service improvement planning and performance management.

## **3. Arrangements**

### **3.1 Risk Assessment**

- 3.1.1** NTC ALS will ensure that all venues used by learners have a current premises risk assessment / venue audit report that addresses safeguarding. If none is available, NTC ALS will carry out an independent premises risk assessment in conjunction with corporate health and safety.
- 3.1.2** NTC ALS will ensure that all learning activities are risk assessed annually and control measures put in place to minimise risk for young people: women of child bearing age: expectant mothers or other vulnerable groups (as required by Regulation 19 of the Management of Health Safety and Welfare Regulations 1999).
- 3.1.3** NTC ALS will use the corporate risk assessment form based on the Council model and approved by Health and Safety Advisors.
- 3.1.4** Where NTC ALS are providing services for schools and within schools for learners aged 14-19 or learners on Family Learning programmes, the relevant school's protocols will be used for risk assessments.

## **3.2 Incidents**

- 3.2.1** All incidents involving learners, employees or visitors to NTC ALS venues must be reported immediately using the appropriate protocol. (See appendix 1). Exceptions are:
- Where learning is taking place on premises other than NTC ALS premises, the tutor will be responsible for reporting incidents relating to learners only.
  - Where NTC ALS are providing services within schools for learners aged 14-19 or learners on Family Learning programmes, the relevant school/work placement provider protocols should be used.
- 3.2.2** If an incident occurs on a learner's work experience placement or apprenticeship work place the learner will be removed immediately until an investigation has taken place.
- 3.2.3** All concerns regarding radicalisation and extremism (Prevent) will be referred using the National Prevent referral form to the NTC Safeguarding Team as outlined in appendix 1.
- 3.2.4** All ICT access is monitored by Smoothwall technology. Any access identified as high risk will be tracked and referred to the management team within 24 hours for investigation and action.

## **4 Recruitment**

- 4.1** NTC ALS has a rigorous recruitment process in place that ensures all new members of staff are checked through DBS and have two references before being employed. They are suitably qualified and undergo an initial probationary period which will include a supportive observation of teaching, learning and assessment.
- 4.2** Existing staff and volunteers undergo DBS checking every three years with details of these checks held in a central register. All records kept are managed within GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018 guidelines.
- 4.3** All new recruits undergo an induction process which includes training on Prevent, Safeguarding and British Values. They receive all relevant policies and procedures for their information.

## **5.0 Review**

The NTC ALS Safeguarding Protocol is reviewed annually.

Linked Policies;

**Health, Safety & Wellbeing**

**E Safety Policy**

**Live lesson Protocol**

**Prevent Risk Assessment & Action Plan**

**NTC Whistle Blowing Policy**

**Comments, Compliments & Complaints Policy**

**External Speaker & Events Policy**

**Freedom of Speech Policy**

**British Values Policy**

**Safer Recruitment Policy**  
**Equality & Diversity Policy**  
**Respect and Consideration Policy**  
**NTC Code of Practice**

# Appendix 1

## Reference Document:

### Key concepts, definitions and advice

All staff follow procedures which are consistent with 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018' and Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019)

**Child Protection** – is a part of safeguarding and promoting welfare. This refers to the activity, which is undertaken, to protect specific children who are suffering or at risk of suffering significant harm.

Effective child protection is essential as part of wider work to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. However, all agencies and individuals should aim to proactively safeguard and promote the welfare of children so that the need for action to protect children from harm is reduced.

**Children in need** – Children who are defined as being 'in need', under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, are those whose vulnerability is such that they are unlikely to reach or maintain a satisfactory level of health or development, or their health and development will be significantly impaired, without the provision of services (section 17(10) of the Children Act 1989), plus those who are disabled. The critical factors to be taken into account when deciding whether a child is in need under the Children Act 1989 are what will happen to the child's health or development without services being provided, and the likely effect the services will have on the child's standard of health and development. Local Authorities have a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need.

**The concept of significant harm** – Some children are in need because they are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm. The Children Act 1989 introduced the concept of significant harm as the threshold that justifies the compulsory intervention in family life in the best interests of children, and gives local authorities a duty to make enquiries to decide whether they should take action to safeguard or promote the welfare of a child who is suffering, or likely to suffer significant harm. There are no absolute criteria on which to rely when judging what constitutes significant harm. Consideration of the severity of ill-treatment may include the degree and extent of physical harm, the duration and frequency of harm/abuse and neglect, the extent of premeditation, and the presence and degree of threat, coercion, sadism, and bizarre or unusual elements. Each of these elements has been associated with more severe effects on the child, and/or relatively greater difficulty in helping the child overcome the adverse impact of the maltreatment. Sometimes, a single traumatic event may constitute significant harm, e.g. a violent assault, suffocation or poisoning. More often, significant harm is a compilation of significant events, both acute and longstanding, which interrupt, change or damage the child's physical and psychological development. Some children live in a family and in social circumstances where their health and development are neglected. For them, it is the corrosiveness of long term emotional, physical or sexual harm/abuse that causes impairment to the extent of constituting significant harm. In each case, it is necessary to consider any maltreatment alongside the family's strengths and supports.

### Children missing from education

A child going missing from education is a potential indicator of harm/abuse or neglect.

The Company must ensure that staff will follow the procedures for dealing with children that go missing from education, particularly on repeat occasions, to help identify the risk of harm/abuse and neglect, including sexual exploitation, and to help prevent the risks of their going missing in future. It is essential that the Service ensures that all staff are alert to signs to look out for and the individual triggers to be aware of when considering the risks of potential safeguarding concerns such as travelling to conflict zones, FGM and forced marriage.



## **Vulnerability**

Staff should consider children who may be particularly vulnerable to abuse and may require early help. Factors that can increase vulnerabilities can include any children with additional needs including;

- Children with Special Educational Needs / Disabled children (SEND)
- Children facing housing issues such as frequent moves and homelessness
- Those living in families with chaotic lifestyles
- Families with increased stress, parental mental health and/or drug and alcohol dependency
- Children living elsewhere, with friends, relatives, are in care or are leaving care
- Asylum Seekers / Refugees
- Those vulnerable to discrimination on the basis of their sexuality, race, religion, ethnicity or disability
- Children at risk from neglect or abuse including specific issues such as FGM, CSE, forced marriage, radicalisation and living in households with domestic abuse
- Children with communication difficulties
- Children without adequate parenting / supervision which could lead to abuse, risk-related behaviour and sexual exploitation.

This is not an exhaustive list but merely an example of vulnerabilities that staff must consider when identifying safeguarding concerns.

**Neglect** - The persistent failure to meet a child's basic physical and/or psychological needs, likely to result in the serious impairment of the child's health or development. Neglect may occur during pregnancy as a result of maternal substance abuse. Once a child is born, neglect may involve a parent or carer failing to:

- Provide adequate food, clothing and shelter (including exclusion from home or abandonment);
- Protect a child from physical and emotional harm or danger;
- Ensure adequate supervision (including the use of inadequate caregivers);
- Ensure access to appropriate medical care or treatment.

This may also include neglect of, or unresponsiveness to, a child's basic emotional needs.

**Abuse** – a form of maltreatment of a child. Somebody may abuse or neglect a child by inflicting harm or by failing to act to prevent harm. Children may be abused in a family or in an institutional or community setting by those known to them or, more rarely, by others (e.g. via the internet). They may be abused by an adult or adults or another child. (KCSE 2016 Page 11, types of abuse or neglect).

**Physical Harm/Abuse** - A form of abuse which may involve hitting, shaking, throwing, poisoning, burning or scalding, drowning, suffocating or otherwise causing physical harm to a child. Physical harm may also be caused when a parent or carer fabricates the symptoms of, or deliberately induces, illness in a child.

**Emotional Harm/Abuse** - The persistent emotional maltreatment of a child such as to cause severe and persistent adverse effects on the child's emotional development. It may involve conveying to a child that they are worthless or unloved, inadequate, or valued only insofar as they meet the needs of another person. It may include not giving the child opportunities to express their views, deliberately silencing them or 'making fun' of what they say or how they communicate. It may feature age or developmentally inappropriate expectations being imposed on children. These may include interactions that are beyond a child's developmental capability, as well as overprotection and limitation of exploration and learning, or preventing the child participating in normal social interaction. It may involve seeing or hearing the ill treatment of another. It may involve serious bullying (including cyber bullying), causing children frequently to feel frightened or in danger, or the exploitation or corruption of children. Some level of emotional abuse is involved in all types of maltreatment of a child, though it may occur alone.

**Sexual Harm/Abuse** - Involves forcing or enticing a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, not necessarily involving a high level of violence, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. The activities may involve physical contact, including assault by penetration (for example, rape or oral sex) or non-penetrative acts such as masturbation, kissing, rubbing and touching outside of clothing. They may also include non-contact activities, such as involving children in looking at, or in the production of, sexual images, watching sexual activities, encouraging children to behave in sexually inappropriate ways, or grooming a child in preparation for harm/abuse (including via the internet). Sexual harm/abuse is not solely perpetrated by adult males. Women can also commit acts of sexual harm/abuse, as can other children.

The following list of indicators is not exhaustive or definitive, but it does highlight common signs which can assist professionals in identifying children or young people who may be victims of sexual exploitation. Signs include:

- underage sexual activity
- inappropriate sexual or sexualised behaviour
- sexually risky behaviour, 'swapping' sex
- repeated sexually transmitted infections
- in girls, repeated pregnancy, abortions, miscarriage
- receiving unexplained gifts or gifts from unknown sources
- having multiple mobile phones and worrying about losing contact via mobile phone
- having unaffordable new things (clothes, mobile phone) or expensive habits (alcohol, drugs)
- changes in the way they dress
- going to hotels or other unusual locations to meet friends
- seen at known places of concern
- moving around the country, appearing in new towns or cities, not knowing where they are
- getting in/out of different cars driven by unknown adults
- having older boyfriends or girlfriends
- contact with known perpetrators
- involved in abusive relationships, intimidated and fearful of certain people or situations
- hanging out with groups of older people, or anti-social groups, or with other vulnerable peers associating with other young people involved in sexual exploitation
- recruiting other young people into exploitative situations
- truancy, exclusion, disengagement with school, opting out of education altogether
- unexplained changes in behaviour or personality (chaotic, aggressive, sexual, mood swings, volatile behaviour, emotional distress)
- self-harming, suicidal thoughts, suicide attempts, overdosing, eating disorders
- drug or alcohol misuse
- getting involved in crime / police involvement, police records
- involved in gangs, gang fights, gang membership
- injuries from physical assault, physical restraint, sexual assault.

## **Child Criminal Exploitation**

Criminal exploitation of children is a geographically widespread form of harm that is a typical feature of county lines. Criminal networks or gangs groom and exploit children and young people to carry drugs and money from urban areas to suburban and rural areas, market and seaside towns. Key to identifying potential involvement in county lines are missing episodes, when the victim may have been trafficked for purposes of transporting drugs. A referral to the National Referral Mechanism should be considered. Like other forms of abuse and exploitation, county line exploitation:

- can affect any child or young person (male or female) under the age of 18 years
- can affect a vulnerable adult over the age of 18 years
- can involve force and/or enticement-based methods of compliance and is often accompanied by violence or threats of violence
- can be perpetrated by individuals or groups, males or females, and young people or adults; and
- is typified by some form of power imbalance in favour of those perpetrating the exploitation. Whilst age may be the most obvious, this power imbalance can also be linked to gender, cognitive ability, physical strength, status and access to economic or other resources. (KCSIE 2018)

Signs and Symptoms may include:

- persistently going missing from home or school
- being found out of area
- unexplained acquisition of money, clothes or mobile phone
- excessive receipt of calls and text messages
- relationships with older controlling individuals
- associated with gangs
- leaving home or care without explanation
- suspicion of self-harm, physical assault or unexplained injuries
- parental concerns
- significant decline in school performance
- significant changes in emotional wellbeing

## **Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)**

It is essential that staff are aware of FGM practices and the need to look for signs, symptoms and other indicators of FGM. What is FGM? It involves procedures that intentionally alter/injure the female genital organs for non-medical reasons.

4 types of procedure:

- Clitoridectomy: partial/total removal of clitoris
- Excision: partial/total removal of clitoris and labia minora
- Infibulation entrance to vagina is narrowed by repositioning the inner/outer labia
- All other procedures that may include; pricking, piercing, incising, cauterising and scraping the genital area.

Why is it carried out?

Belief that:

- FGM brings status/respect to the girl – social acceptance for marriage
- Preserves a girl's virginity
- Part of being a woman / rite of passage
- Upholds family honour'
- Cleanses and purifies the girl
- Gives a sense of belonging to the community
- Fulfils a religious requirement
- Perpetuates a custom/tradition
- Helps girls be clean / hygienic

- Is cosmetically desirable
- Mistakenly believed to make childbirth easier

Is FGM legal? FGM is internationally recognised as a violation of human rights of girls and women. It is illegal in most countries including the UK.

Circumstances and occurrences that may point to FGM happening;

- Child talking about getting ready for a special ceremony
- Family taking a long trip abroad
- Child's family being from one of the 'at risk' communities for FGM (Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, Sierra Leon, Egypt, Nigeria, Eritrea as well as 27 non-African communities including Yemeni, Afghani, Kurdistan, Indonesia and Pakistan)
- Knowledge that the child's sibling has undergone FGM
- Child talks about going abroad to be 'cut' or to prepare for marriage

Signs that may indicate a child has undergone FGM:

- Prolonged absence from school and other activities
- Behaviour change on return from a holiday abroad, such as being withdrawn and appearing subdued
- Bladder or menstrual problems
- Finding it difficult to sit still and looking uncomfortable
- Complaining about pain between the legs
- Mentioning something somebody did to them that they are not allowed to talk about
- Secretive behaviour, including isolating themselves from the group
- Reluctance to take part in physical activity
- Repeated urinal tract infection
- Disclosure

The 'One Chance' rule:

As with Forced Marriage there is the 'One Chance' rule. It is essential that settings /schools/colleges take action without delay. As KCSIE now states: 'Under section 5B of the Female Genital Mutilation Act 2003 (as inserted by sect 74 of the Serious Crime Act 2015) places a statutory duty upon teachers, along with social workers and healthcare professionals, to report to the police where they discover that FGM appears to have been carried out on a girl under 18. Those falling to report such cases will face disciplinary sanctions'

Further information: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-onfemale-genital-mutilation](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-onfemale-genital-mutilation)

**So-called 'honour-based' violence (HBV)** encompasses incidents or crimes which have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and/or the community, including:

- Female Genital Mutilation
- Forced Marriage
- Breast ironing

Abuse committed in the context of preserving "honour" often involves a wider network of family or community pressure and can include multiple perpetrators. It is important to be aware of this dynamic and additional risk factors when deciding what form of safeguarding action to take. All forms of HBV are abuse (regardless of the motivation) and should be handled and escalated as such. If in any doubt, staff should speak to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (or deputy). Professionals in all agencies, and individuals and groups in relevant communities, need to be alert to the possibility of a child being at risk of HBV, or already having suffered HBV.

## **Forced Marriage**

Forcing a person into marriage is a crime in England and Wales. A forced marriage is one entered in to without the full and free consent of one or both parties and where violence, threats or any other form of coercion is used to cause a person to enter in to the marriage. Threats can be physical or emotional and psychological. A lack of full and free consent can be where a person does not consent or where they cannot consent (if they have learning disabilities, for example). Nevertheless, some communities use religion and culture as a way to coerce a person into marriage. Schools and colleges can play an important role in safeguarding children from forced marriage. (KCSIE 2018, pg. 68)

Signs and symptoms may include:

- Students may appear anxious, depressed and emotionally withdrawn with low self-esteem. They may have mental health disorders and display behaviours such as self-harming, self-cutting or anorexia
- Sometimes they may come to the attention of the police having been discovered shoplifting or taking drugs or alcohol
- Often students' symptoms can be exacerbated in the periods leading up to the holiday season.
- Students may present with a sudden decline in their performance aspirations or motivation
- They may be subject to excessive restrictions and control at home.
- Some students may not be allowed to attend any extra-curricular or after-school activities  
Girls and young women may be accompanied to and from school/college, and even during lunch breaks.
- Some students may stop attending school or college
- Their homework is incomplete or appears rushed. This may be the result of being actively discouraged from doing it by family members.
- Students may do their homework late at night, which frequently shows in school because they are lethargic, unable to concentrate and have a general appearance of tiredness. Professionals being told that the student is out of the country.
- There are occasions when older siblings (usually brothers) and cousins keep a close eye on girls to make sure that they do not meet anyone or talk to friends.
- Conflict between the student and their parents about whether the student will be allowed to continue their education
- Family history of older siblings leaving education early and marrying early

## **Sexting**

- Exchange of self-generated explicit images, through mobile picture messages, webcams or over the internet.

## **Radicalisation**

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 was published on 12th March 2015. Section 26 of the Act places a duty on schools in England (and Wales) to prevent people being drawn into terrorism. This duty applies to all schools, whether publicly-funded or independent, and organisations covered by the Early Years Foundation Stage framework.

Duties on schools include:

- Effective partnership working with other local agencies, e.g. Safeguarding Partners (former LSCB) police, health, etc.
- Information sharing
- Maintaining appropriate records
- Assessing local risk of extremism (including Far Right extremism)
- Demonstrating they are protecting children
- Developing clear protocols for visiting speakers
- Safeguarding policies that take account of Local Safeguarding Partners' policies and procedures

- Training staff to give them knowledge and confidence
- Ensuring there is robust ICT protocols that filter out extremist materials
- School buildings must not be used to give a platform to extremists

### **Understanding and recognising risks and vulnerabilities of radicalisation**

Children and young people can be drawn into violence or they can be exposed to the messages of extremist groups by many means. These may include through the influence of family members or friends and/or direct contact with extremist groups and organisations or, increasingly, through the internet. This can put a young person at risk of being drawn into criminal activity and has the potential to cause Significant Harm.

The risk of radicalisation is the product of a number of factors and identifying this risk requires that staff exercise their professional judgement, seeking further advice as necessary. It may be combined with other vulnerabilities or may be the only risk identified. Possible indicators include:

- Use of inappropriate language
- Possession of violent extremist literature
- Behavioural changes

Advocating violent actions and means;

- Association with known extremists
- Seeking to recruit others to an extremist ideology

Further information: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance)

### **Trafficking and modern slavery**

- People are recruited, moved or transported and then exploited, forced to work or sold.
- Someone is in slavery if they are forced to work through coercion, or mental or physical threat; owned or controlled by an 'employer', through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse; dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as 'property';
- They are physically constrained or have restrictions placed on their freedom of movement.

### **Online Safety**

- Children and young people need to be supported and guided in order to use the internet safely and to be also given the opportunity to learn to behave appropriately online.

### **Peer on Peer abuse**

- This may include bullying including cyber bullying, gender-based violence/ sexual assaults, violence against women & girls and sexting, up skirting, girls being sexually touched/assaulted or boys being subject to initiation / hazing type violence (This is not an exhaustive list)

Staff Guidance on Reporting Safeguarding/Prevent Concerns



North Tyneside Council

