Prevent Update - March 2019

Please share with other senior leaders, safeguarding leaders and subject leaders such as PSHE, Citizenship, RE and Computing. If you wish to be added to the distribution list please email John Webster john.webster@portsmouthcc.gov.uk.

1. New Zealand Mosque terrorist attack
Several resources have already been produced to support conversations, discussions and understanding. Attached is a primary and secondary resource produced by Votes for Schools, please use or adapt if you consider it appropriate to your setting. There is also a link to the PSHE association materials from 2016 around discussing terrorist attacks. A key message for young people is reassurance as after the 2017 attacks in the UK, young people developed some distorted views of the risk.

2. Prejudicial language in schools toolkit
Thank you to the 18 schools that have agreed to pilot the reporting tool during the summer term. The official launch date for the product is 15 October 2019. This is a PAN Hampshire initiative with support from the OPCC. Karen Thomas and I will provide another update and next steps prior to the Easter break.

3. Report hate crime
Hampshire Constabulary is encouraging the reporting of any hate crime either directly to the police or indirectly via the online reporting links True Vision, Tell Mama, CST or Galop. There are also Third Party Reporting Centres across Hampshire who can offer support. Please contact Freida M'Cormack at PCC for further information on Third Party reporting.

4. Sticking
Colleagues have reported a spate of extreme right wing stickering and leafleting across the country, seemingly related to Brexit and immigration. If you see any stickers posted near or around your school please report via 101 or to a local PCSO.

5. Relationship and Sex Education Community Concerns
Whilst it is not a Prevent issue, you will be aware of community concerns relating to upcoming changes to the Relationship and Sex Education curriculum, particularly in Birmingham and most recently in Manchester. There are also individuals and groups who are attempting to exploit these concerns to garner support for their movements. I have attached the DfE FAQs on RSE.

6. EU funding to tackle radicalisation with European coastal cities
Charlie Pericleous, Prevent Co-Ordinator, and myself have been successful in an EU bid to develop new and innovative approaches to tackle radicalisation. The 3 year funded project will work in partnership with other coastal cities and universities (including Portsmouth) within France, Belgium and Netherlands on online and offline methods to build resilience in young people, support for teachers to hold difficult conversations, online safety and an EU prevention model for violent extremism. The project will be supported by the Home Office, Foreign Office and a number of local partners. We will continue to provide the current level of Prevent service to the city alongside developing this initiative. Furthermore we will brief relevant partners over the coming weeks with more content on the project.

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