

Project Orpheus and Prevent Update - December 2019

This email is for Project Orpheus Observer Partners, head teachers, senior leaders, DSLs, curriculum leads and professionals. If you wish individuals to be added to this distribution list please email john.webster@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

This bulletin will now reflect the on-going work of Project Orpheus alongside any local or national Prevent updates.

1. Project Orpheus - Kick Off event in Ghent, Belgium

Both Charlie Pericleous and myself attended the Kick Off event for Project Orpheus in Ghent, Belgium. It was an opportunity to share good practice from partners from France, Belgium and the Netherlands alongside academics and representatives from the Home and Foreign & Commonwealth Office. We were able to showcase Portsmouth's approach to preventing violent extremism with a focus on raising awareness of the far right threat. Partner consensus was also agreed on a number of key concepts that will steer the field work.

2. Project Orpheus - focus groups & workshops

In the past few months we have working with a number of young people and professionals to find out their views on:

- Formal and informal space spaces
- Skills needed to process the vast amounts of information we consume
- Debating sensitive issues

Young people are keen to be able to share their views on a variety of subjects. The development of safe spaces will allow young people greater opportunity to debate the things that interest them or that are causing them concern. The focus groups have also allowed us to capture some resilience techniques that young people employ to navigate through online and offline spaces.

We are always looking for practitioners and young people to work with, so if you think any of the Orpheus content may be useful for you, then please contact us. We already have several established links alongside some local providers who we will commission to deliver some of this work.

3. The Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU) Filtering Tool

The UK Safer Internet Centre (UKSIC) has worked with the Home Office to create a tool to help schools and educational institutions to test whether they are covered by the CTIRU 'filter list'. The tool will also check whether schools or educational institutions are covered by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) URL list, which contains links to online child sexual exploitation content. If they are not covered, the tool will signpost the user to further information about filtering on the UKSIC website, including how to ensure they are covered by both lists and assist them in ensuring they have appropriate filters in place.

This tool can be accessed through the UKSIC website at <http://testfiltering.com/>.

Please note that the filter list is available widely and not limited to schools, however this tool created by UKSIC is aimed at schools only.

4. **New Online Referral Form for Reporting Extremism in the Education Sector**

The DDCED (Due Diligence and Counter Extremism Division) who sit within the DfE, have developed a new online referral form. Alongside the counter-extremism helpline, the form provides a vehicle for members of the public to report extremism concerns in the education sector to the DfE so they can investigate and determine whether they need to take any action or support institutions. DDCED investigates extremism concerns and allegations related to adults working in or connected to the education sector – for example teachers, other school staff (caretakers, midday supervisors), governors and head teachers. They look at concerns from early years to HE.

<https://report-extremism.education.gov.uk/>

This form is also included on the relevant DfE webpages so it can be accessed by members of the public.

5. **NSPCC Childline Annual Review**

The NSPCC has published the Childline annual review 2018/19. The review looks at what children and young people tell Childline during counselling sessions and how Childline is supporting them both online and over the phone.

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1898/childline-annual-review-2018-19.pdf>

6. **Advice to the schools sector following London Bridge attack**

The DfE have produced some simple guidance signposting to key resources and existing documents of support. Please find this attached.

7. **Prevent Concerns**

Both Charlie and myself are still available to deal with Prevent concerns and offer support, advice and training as per our previous roles. However as a way of a reminder, **all Prevent referrals must be made via the MASH**, please see Portsmouth City Council's One Minute Guidance on Prevent/Channel <https://www.portsmouthscp.org.uk/one-minute-guides/>