

Important messages from your Safeguarding team



PREVENTING TERRORISM



Prevention is better than cure

PREVENT is part of the Government's strategy for preventing people becoming RADICALISED which may lead to EXTREMISM and acts of TERRORISM

RADICALISATION: The **process** by which an individual or group comes to adopt extreme political, social, or religious views.

EXTREMISM: The condition or act of taking an **extreme** view; belief in, and support for, ideas that most people think are unreasonable and unacceptable

TERRORISM: The unlawful use of **violence** and **intimidation** for a political, religious or ideological cause

Why is there increased risk during 'lockdown'?

Social Media is widely used by groups and individuals to influence and recruit people and persuade them to adopt certain ways of thinking and beliefs. This may be around political or religious views or such things as animal welfare, and some groups will encourage the use of violence to get their ideas across. The present situation where people are spending increased time online with little face to face interaction with friends, teachers etc and no 'normal' life experiences can make them more susceptible to approaches from radical groups or accessing extremist websites. **The need to 'belong', isolation, anger and frustration are all vulnerability factors and the 'lockdown' has increased the danger.**

Help is available:

- If you are a young person concerned for yourself, Childline will support you
- If you are concerned about a young person's behaviour or internet use and want to chat to someone the NSPCC will give advice and guidance

(Ways to contact can be found below under 'useful links')

We are also here to support you - you can contact the college's safeguarding team by emailing safeguarding@gloscol.ac.uk – monitored Monday to Friday from 08:30-17:00

If you are concerned about someone or need help tell the police via www.gloucestershire.police.uk, by calling 101, in an emergency by calling 999 or contact the Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321

Useful Links:

NSPCC <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/> or call anonymously for help and advice 0808 800 5000

Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk> or call 0800 1111

<https://act.campaign.gov.uk>

<https://www.educateagainsthate.com/>