

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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PREVENT AND HATE

Introduction

1. This paper seeks to provide the Board with a briefing on the partnership approach to Preventing Extremism and to give an overview of the work to raise awareness of Hate Incidents and encourage reporting.

Background

2. Section 29 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a statutory duty on local authority's to prevent people being drawn into radicalisation. Locally much Partnership work is underway to raise awareness of Prevent and to align the partnership work relating to Hate Crime and Incidents to the Prevent work.

Prevent

Training

3. During his first 3 months in post the Prevent Officer has delivered training to almost 1000 people in over 40 locations across Leicestershire. As a result of this WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent) training a number of schools have contacted the Community Safety Team at Leicestershire County Council seeking advice about pupils within their schools.
4. Referrals to the Police PREVENT team have also increased as a result of this training; to date at least 6 referrals have been forwarded to the PREVENT team for further checks before being considered for the Channel Pathway.
5. WRAP workshops continue to dominate the workload of the Prevent Officer at present, with a further 49 workshops booked, equating to a further 1079 people being trained. The forward plan is for trained officers from each locality to deliver this training and for the Prevent Officer to prioritise delivery of training in areas where intelligence informs the Partnership of a higher risk of radicalisation.

6. The County Prevent Officer has also been working with some schools to help them facilitate the Prevent Strategy within their school settings effectively and linking the Prevent and Hate agenda's when working with young people. He has also been working with District and Borough Councils where required, to support them in drawing up their Prevent Action Plans.
7. A training programme for Foster Carers is also underway as is training for Childminders, prospective adopters and organisations such as the Guides and Scouts Association.

Funding

8. A collaborative approach has been taken towards the £10k received by each non priority local authority, ie all District and Borough Councils, Rutland and Leicestershire County Councils and the relevant paperwork has been submitted to the Home Office.
9. Each authority has agreed to support one or all three of the proposals:
 - Enable young people, parents and vulnerable adults to attend Warning Zone. Warning Zone has a new E-Safety zone which will raise awareness of the dangers of grooming and radicalisation on line.
 - Develop a theatre type production by Alter Ego who developed Chelsea's Choice for schools. This will focus on a non- existent extremist group set in the future and highlight the processes by which an individual may become vulnerable to radicalisation.
 - Each authority has committed £5k to securing the Prevent Officer post for a second year.
10. Work is underway to secure funding to deliver specific packages for older young people and to develop specific materials for vulnerable groups such as easy read materials for people with learning disabilities.

Statutory Duty

11. Each local authority has devised a local Prevent Action Plan demonstrating how they are complying with the legislation. The Prevent Officer shall support each locality in the delivery of these Plans.
12. Discussions are underway with the Regional Counter Terrorism Unit in order to clarify who should have receipt of the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) once published. This document will inform the Partnership where resource should be concentrated in order to tackle potential radicalisation.

Hate

13. A joint Strategy Statement by Leicestershire County Council, the 7 District and Borough Councils, Leicester City, Rutland Council (LLR) and Leicestershire Police has been agreed by all partners and endorsed by at the ASB Strategy Group Meeting in December. The aim is to take a consistent approach in response to tackling hate incidents and crimes. Our joint vision links the priority areas identified in the Leicestershire Police and Crime Plan 2013 – 17; in April all partners will be attending the 2016-17 Hate Action Planning workshop.
14. Hate and Prevent work has now come under one sub regional Delivery Group which meets every quarter. The primary focus of this group at present is to look at how to raise awareness of hate incidents and hate crime across the sub region, how to encourage reporting and how to ensure those affected by hate receive appropriate support.
15. Partners across the sub region are signed up to the joint campaign known as “Stamp it Out – Respect Difference Say NO to Hate”. This Year the National Hate Crime week shall be taking place during 8th – 15 October; the Hate and Prevent Delivery Group are planning activities to run across LLR.

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