

Safeguarding and Prevent newsletter

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Keeping our community safe is very important to us and each term we aim to provide you with the latest news and information about Safeguarding and Prevent. The term Safeguarding relates to how we support you to stay safe and Prevent is the term the Government uses to describe its counter terrorism strategy.

This newsletter is in addition to the learner guide you received on Safeguarding and Prevent at the start of your course and aims to provide you with further information so you, your family and friends stay safe.



WHAT IS SEXUAL HARASSMENT?

Sexual harassment is unwanted behaviour of a sexual nature which, whether intended or not:

- Violates your dignity
- Creates an offensive environment

You don't have to have previously objected to the behaviour for it to be unwanted.

IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT

None of this is your fault, you deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. You don't deserve to be made to feel uncomfortable by anyone's unwanted sexual behaviour. They may make you feel guilty and blame you for their behaviour, but you are not responsible for them or their behaviour.

Some of you may not want your family or friends to find out, but you should get support as you haven't done anything wrong. You may feel like what happened goes against your culture as someone was sexual with you before marriage, but that wasn't your fault.

You could be feeling guilty because you felt you had to go along with what happened for example by sending nude images of yourself. Unfortunately some people can manipulate other people into doing things like this. Some people could also be using these images to blackmail you.

Sexual harassment can be really upsetting and it can really help to talk about the way you are feeling.

Childline offer some practical help and advice for anyone who is concerned. They also have a service to help remove nude images of yourself that have been shared online.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/abuse-safety/sexual-harassment/>

UK TERROR THREAT LEVEL

Did you know that the Government publicise the current threat level to the UK from terrorist attacks and share what the police are doing day-to-day to keep the country safe?

The UK terror threat level is **Substantial** which means a terrorist attack is likely.

To find out more about the terror threat levels please visit <https://www.met.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/t/terrorism-in-the-uk/current-threat-level-UK/>

KNIFE CRIME, GANGS AND YOUTH VIOLENCE

There are stories everyday in media outlets about knife crime and gangs. Gun and knife crime isn't as common as people think, but it does happen, even in Hull.

WHAT EXACTLY IS GUN AND KNIFE CRIME?

Gun and knife crime includes stabbing or shooting someone. But it's also illegal to:

- Carry a knife
- Threaten someone with a knife or gun

- Commit a crime with the use of a weapon - like a robbery
- Commit a crime by pretending you have a real knife or gun.

Childline have developed their website in order to help young people, parents and professionals understand more about the topic and offer practical hints and tips to keep everyone safe. To find out more, visit:

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/crime-law/gun-knife-crime/>



DANGEROUS TOYS

A recent commissioned by the British Toy and Hobby Association (BTHA) found many of the toys tested could choke, strangle, burn, poison and electrocute children. Out of the 255 toys that were randomly selected, inspected and tested, 88% were illegal and 48% were unsafe for a child to play with.

The toys tested were bought from a range of online sellers. Currently, there is no legal requirement for online marketplaces to

check the safety of the products that other sellers are listing on their site.

The report itself includes a list of toys that researchers found were illegal or unsafe.

As we move towards the Christmas season, parents will be buying toys, and so the advice given in Appendix 8 of the report, Consumer Tips, could be especially valuable.

You can find the report here: <https://toysafety.co.uk/>

PREVENTION OF YOUNG SUICIDE

PAPYRUS is the national charity dedicated to the prevention of young suicide have recently collaborated with a BAFTA-award winning animation studio to create Sinking Feeling. The video tackles the heart-breaking reality that many children and young people are suffering in silence without the vital help and support they need.

You can find the video here:

<https://www.papyrus-uk.org/sinking-feeling-animation-launch/>

If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINEUK for confidential support and practical advice.

Call: **0800 068 4141**

Text: **07860 039 967**

Email: **pat@papyrus-uk.org**

CONNECT FUTURES

Connect Futures works with young people and communities to increase knowledge, resilience and confidence in preventing extremism and serious violence, challenging hate, and promoting equality and justice.

Their latest blog explores Incels, chads, misogyny, and problematic terrorism

from a young person's perspective. It explains more about Incels, how young men are often radicalised and what steps we can do to do to prevent Incel ideology.

<https://www.connectfutures.org/blog/>



SMISHING ON THE INCREASE

Phishing is commonly seen within emails and increasingly across social media, including YouTube. It's best described as a scam using social engineering tricks (urgency, fear, panic) to coax you into revealing personal information (account details, name, bank details etc.) for criminal purposes.

Smishing is exactly the same but it is conducted via SMS (text message). There is also Vishing, which is phishing via voicemail. Smishing is on the increase hugely and some of the texts are very convincing. The common ones you will see at the moment are related to deliveries (e.g. DPD and Royal Mail parcel deliveries).

You can find more information on how to spot a text message scam via the link below

<https://www.which.co.uk/consumer-rights/advice/how-to-spot-a-messaging-scam>



WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Every member of staff at Hull Training and Adult Education undertakes safeguarding training and is able to signpost you to the most appropriate help. If you ever feel that you need to talk to someone we will always listen. It could be your tutor, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Vanessa Drax or whoever you feel most comfortable with. Safeguarding is everyone's business and we want you to know that we will always work with you to find a solution.

If you want to contact Vanessa you can email her at **vanessa.drax@hullcc.gov.uk** or call **01482 615 250/07977 060 599**

Alternatively call us at Endeavour on 01482 615 349 or email **learneradvice@hullcc.gov.uk** and ask to speak to either the Designated Safeguarding Lead or a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



We try to make sure that we regularly tell you about local and national Safeguarding and Prevent stories, so that you are aware of emerging issues and that you are equipped in making informed choices. If you see anything on the news, or pick up information on social media and think you would like to know more then please let us know and we'll include it as a topic in our next edition.