



PROSPECT TRAINING SERVICES

Safeguarding & Prevent for Parents and Carers



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Happy New Year and welcome to the Winter term edition of the **PTS Safeguarding & Prevent Newsletter for Parents and Carers**.

At Prospect Training Services (PTS), ensuring the well-being and safety of our learners is vital to help them achieve and succeed in their programme. A new year can be daunting for young people as there is a lot of focus on making new plans for the future, which can be overwhelming, especially if friends are sharing on social media how successful they are and what they have planned. This can lead to some young people feeling left behind and not being where they should be. It is important that we support our young people and take small steps towards their futures, helping them recognise what is going well for them and celebrating their own successes – even just leaving the house is a big win for some, so make sure they know how proud you are of them! A supported and loved young person can lead to a happy and healthy adult!

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What's new?

CEOP and Online Safety

At PTS, we continually educate our learners on how to keep themselves safe online, which is part of our enrichment programme. Video streaming and chatting online can be really exciting, but do you really know how to protect your young person from adult content and contact? CEOP have a wide range of useful information and a dedicated helpline to report concerns. Click the image below to see what you can do to support this.



Our safeguarding team are also here to talk through and advise on any worries you have; you can call 01452 300255 and ask to speak to a member of the safeguarding team or email Kate at katew@ptsyouth.co.uk



Prevent

What is the Prevent Strategy?

Prevent is a government strategy designed to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist or extremist causes. The Prevent strategy covers all types of terrorism and extremism, including the extreme right wing, violent Islamist groups and many other ideologies.

Current Threat Level

Do you know what the UK Threat Level is? Just how likely is a terrorist attack?

The current UK Threat Level is:
Substantial – an attack is likely.

You can check this yourself on [MI5's website](#).



Case Study

In each newsletter we bring you an example of how we have supported our learners. These are real life learners so we have changed their initial in order to remain anonymous and protect confidentiality.

Things were going really well for D, who was a learner on our Study Programme. He was happy and settled as he had passed his first exam in English reading – he was on track. However, D came into the centre one day, late, looking tired, and his clothes were dirty. He went into his class and was soon asked to leave by his tutor as he has been rude and verbally abusive to her, something that was out of character for D. When our learning support officer asked him if there was anything wrong and why he had behaved like this, he broke down and started to cry. D was taken to our wellbeing room and our safeguarding rep met with him. D explained that his mum had been facing financial difficulties and had been going without food so that he and his siblings could eat, and that last night after their washing machine broke down, he had seen his mum breakdown in tears, and she told him they were facing eviction. D was worried that because he had told us this, his mum would get into trouble and him and his siblings would be taken into care. D was reassured that we were here to help and that we would try and get support for mum.

We contacted mum as it is always important that we are open and transparent with parents, especially when trying to offer support to the family. Mum was a little guarded to start with, but once we explained about Early Help and what support could be put in place for them as a family, she was able to relax and open up to us. It was clear to see that mum had fallen on hard times, and we reassured her that her parenting was not being called into question. Mum consented to us making a referral to Early Help, which is tailored support to help families and young people in the earlier stages, before concerns lead to a crisis or the children are put at risk of significant harm. As mum felt comfortable with us, and D trusted his learner support officer, we suggested holding a 'team around the family' meeting here at PTS. We were able to invite useful agencies to this meeting, such as a member of the housing team and the community social worker. The meeting took place in a familiar environment for the family where PTS could support all the way through.

As a result of this meeting, mum had a family support worker assigned to her, who works collectively with the other agencies to support mum with managing her finances and her tenancy, accessing food banks when needed and has even found her a community grant to purchase a new washing machine. PTS have also been able to support D to apply for the bursary, which helps support him financially on his course, and he has access to travel payments and breakfast and lunches. D is still on track with his programme and has now gone out on a work placement, he was able to access the bursary to purchase the work clothes that he needed.

If your young person or your family are facing any difficulties, it is always useful for us to know, so we can offer our support. Please contact katew@ptsyouth.co.uk or **0452 300 255** to discuss this in more detail.

Useful Support Agencies



Teens in Crisis: Counselling Service in Glos

[Tic+ – Counselling services in Gloucestershire](http://ticplus.org.uk) (ticplus.org.uk)
01594 372 777



Young Gloucestershire: Youth Organisation Glos

[Young Gloucestershire - Wellbeing](http://youngglos.org.uk) (youngglos.org.uk)
01452 501 008



YST: Youth Support Team Glos

[We are the Gloucestershire Youth Support Team](#)



Family Lives: Support for the family

[Parenting and Family Support - Family Lives \(Parentline Plus\) | Family Lives](#)
0808 800 2222



Kooth: Online mental health support for 11-18 year olds

[Home - Kooth](#)



Childline: telephone and online support for young people

[Childline | Childline](#)
0800 1111

The PTS safeguarding team can refer you to a wide range of external agencies, so if you would like our help, please contact us katew@ptsyouth.co.uk or 01452 300 255.



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