

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to highlight concerns raised by Edwina Grant the Executive Director Education and Children's Services in Lancashire and the Police in Lancashire. The concerns are:

We have seen a significant decline in Prevent referrals relating to online radicalisation since the lockdown was introduced. This is primarily a result of schools and other statutory services such as social care and mental health provision being impacted, but it will also be partially down to the fact that most people's attention has, understandably, been focussed on the pandemic.

Despite the reduction in referrals, we know that the threat is not going away. In fact, it is likely that the risk of radicalisation has increased for a small number of vulnerable people, as the pandemic is driving vulnerable individuals to spend more time online and is exacerbating grievances which make people more vulnerable to radicalisation.

With the removal of the safety net of schools, colleges and social workers, we need statutory partners, parents, friends and family to be aware of what young or vulnerable people in their care are looking at online - and most importantly what they can do to help.

The link <https://www.ltai.info/> and [flyer for parents](#) provide further information. Any concerns should be referred to the Police via the following email address: [concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

There is also a helpful guide for parents attached to this email should you have any concerns about Online Radicalisation and information on what to do.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Kind regards

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