

16 October 2017**Agenda Item: 9****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, EDUCATION, LEARNING AND
SKILLS****FIRST ANNUAL TACKLING EMERGING THREATS TO CHILDREN
CONFERENCE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek support by Members of the first annual Tackling Emerging Threats to Children conference entitled "We need to talk about....extremism" which is taking place on 20 October 2017, and for any media requests to be responded to by the relevant senior officers.

Information and Advice

2. The Tackling Emerging Threats to Children (TETC) initiative was established to develop a coordinated partnership response to tackling the wide range of emerging threats to children and young people, including the risks children face from child sexual exploitation, online grooming, radicalisation and cyberbullying. The TETC (Universal) team is part of this initiative, having a countywide remit to provide support, advice and guidance to schools and other settings in relation to specific aspects of the health and safeguarding agenda.
3. The TETC (Universal) team comprises a Team Manager with a lead responsibility for tackling radicalisation and extremism, an Anti-bullying Coordinator, a Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Coordinator, the Safeguarding Children in Education Officer (SCIEO), and three Public Health funded Health Coordinator posts. A large proportion of the work of the TETC team is funded by schools, with resources developed by the TETC team made available to schools via the Schools Portal.
4. In the aftermath of recent terrorist attacks in Manchester, London and elsewhere across the globe, many schools and other professionals working with young people have highlighted the need to develop skills and confidence in talking with children and young people affected by such events. In response, the TETC team has organised a conference in partnership with Vision West Nottinghamshire College designed to address this need.
5. The conference entitled 'We need to talk about....extremism' has been planned to include presentations and speakers who have a national profile in this area, including from Victim Support, Counter terrorism, and those with direct experiences of radicalisation. In the current national and international climate, this conference will be timely. Young people have been involved in developing the content of the programme,

including the production of a new music resource which will open the conference programme on the day. Young people will play an active part throughout the day so as to ensure that delegates hear first hand how young people feel about the subject and what they feel needs to be done to address the issues.

6. In order to keep young people at the centre of the conference, the TETC team launched a competition at the start of the autumn term to enable young people to share their thoughts and feelings on the subject matter. Teachers, youth workers and voluntary sector organisations have been signposted and encouraged to make use of the existing resources available through the Schools Portal in the hope that they will be more confident to facilitate age-appropriate discussions on the subject of radicalisation and extremism, and that in turn, Nottinghamshire will have new, locally produced resources which have been designed and developed in partnership with young people. This work will be showcased at the conference and subsequently disseminated more widely through the TETC pages on the Schools Portal and the Health4Teens website.
7. It is anticipated that the conference will attract a level of media and social media interest which will positively highlight the work which is taking place in Nottinghamshire, and elsewhere, and serve as an impetus for the development of wider awareness of the needs of children and young people with regard to extremism.

Other Options Considered

8. No other options have been considered.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. This conference has been arranged in partnership with West Nottinghamshire College, schools and young people in response to the increase in extremism nationally and globally. This conference has been informed by the views of children and young people and provides an opportunity for professionals working directly with young people to explore best practice when working with children and young people in schools on this agenda.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Crime and Disorder Implications

11. This conference aims to address subject matter relating to violent extremism. By creating a dialogue with young people and the professionals who work with them it is believed it will have a positive impact, potentially steering some individuals away from getting involved in extremist activity and hate crime more generally.

Financial Implications

12. The conference is being organised in partnership with West Nottinghamshire College where the event is being hosted. The costs of the conference are being met by contributions from West Nottinghamshire College and delegate charges. There is no direct cost to the Education, Learning and Skills budget.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

13. As the conference aims to challenge extremist ideologies it is considered that this work will support the Council's work to prevent victimisation, bullying and harassment across all the protected characteristics, by encouraging positive dialogue and challenging stereotypes.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

14. This conference will support the Council's work in relation to the Prevent Duty 2015.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1) the Council supports the Tackling Emerging Threats to Children conference, which is taking place on 20 October 2017, to enable its positive messages to reach a wider audience.
- 2) as the event is being held during 'National Hate Crime Week', any media requests will be responded to by relevant senior officers.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 02/10/17)

15. The Children and Young People's Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report.

Financial Comments (SAS 02/10/17)

16. The financial implications of the report are contained within paragraph 12 above.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Conference programme.

Competition flyer/judging criteria.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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