## Preventing children and young people being drawn into extremism: how to address concerns around the welfare of an individual or groups of children and young people

## Individual support – signs or behaviour that may cause concern and require a response

Partner schools, LA services and police reports of issues affecting pupils in other schools

Graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images Inappropriate use of ICT: pupils accessing extremist material online including through some networking sites

Parental reports of change in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance

Pupils voicing opinions drawn from extremist ideology and narrative

Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence

First Question: Is it an emergency? – PRIORITY ACTION REQUIRED – DIAL 999 in the first instance

If not follow referral process below

Inform Prevent Lead (headteacher or member of senior team who manages this area). The Prevent Lead undertakes a risk assessment of all circumstances, consults appropriately prior to action and considers whether additional support is required.

Situation to be recorded carefully at every stage in Child Protection policy/Safeguarding policy.

- If child is at risk of significant harm, a referral to MASH must be undertaken in line with the school child protection policy procedures (this includes imminent travel), and a referral also needs to be made to the Prevent Inbox
- Prevent Inbox needs to be made.

   Consider how to best meet the needs
- Consider how to best meet the needs of pupil(s), parent/carer and the school.
- Make a careful assessment of all the circumstances.

PREVENT REFERRAL Referral email address:

CTU\_GATEWAY@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

Contacts for Support: WMCTU Prevent Hub: Tel: 0121 251 0241 (Monday – Friday – 8am - 6pm) Solihull Council:

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## Channel Project

The Police are the only agency who can make a referral in to Channel. Channel is the process by which structured interventions are implemented for vulnerable individuals identified as needing support. This is delivered through a multi-agency approach.

Support to particular individuals (e.g. pupil support process, access external support)

Targeted activities related to preventing extremism (e.g. use curriculum to challenge extremist narrative)

Universal actions (e.g. review antibullying policies, encourage active citizenship and pupil voice)

Supportive interaction as appropriate



## Channel Referral Pathway

If you have concerns about a child or young person and feel a multi-agency response is required, a referral must be made through the MASH process if the child is at risk of significant harm, and through the Prevent Inbox. If the concern is below Threshold 4, then a referral to the Prevent Inbox must be made.

Channel can support children and young people before they reach crisis point. It is a way of giving support early to prevent problems later on. Channel brings the different agencies who are involved with a child together so they can share information.