



# WSCP Newsletter

## February 2021

### New Prevent Website

Counter Terrorism Policing has launched a new safeguarding website [www.actearly.uk](http://www.actearly.uk) to encourage family and friends to share concerns, that a friend or loved one might be vulnerable to radicalisation.

#### What will the website aim to do?

- ◆ Help increase Prevent referrals from family and friends into the police by increasing awareness, trust and understanding of the police's safeguarding role.
- ◆ Specifically by:
  - ◆ Increasing awareness of where to go for further information and support
  - ◆ Increasing awareness of the signs of radicalisation
  - ◆ Increased understanding of and confidence in the Prevent referral process
  - ◆ Encouraging referrals from concerned family and friends at an early stage
  - ◆ Highlighting the police safeguarding role in Prevent

This is a really positive product that will continue to be developed at a national level, ensuring it provides the very best up to date information to help protect people. Please feel free to utilise the below partners toolkit, which provides some useful content and resource to help promote the website

**Partners toolkit:** <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/actearlypartners/>

Please can you all promote the website wherever you can.

### Private Fostering: Key Information for Professionals

Private fostered children are not the same as fostered children, but they still come under The Children Act 1989 and the Local Authority do have a statutory duty to be notified of any arrangements if a child is being privately fostered. Key points on Private Fostering are summarised below -

- ◆ The child must be under 16 or under 18 if the child has a disability.
- ◆ The fostering team at Worcestershire Children First must be notified of arrangements if a child is under foster care for 28 days or more.
- ◆ The carer is not classed as a close relative. This means that it cannot include a child who is being fostered by a grandparent, sibling, aunt/uncle or a step relative.
- ◆ Referrals will come through FFD and the fostering team will assess the private carer and look at what arrangements there are to be made.
- ◆ The fostering team have an ongoing duty to visit to a child and make them aware of how to make a complaint or raise a concern. Visits have continued during COVID-19 either face-to-face where necessary or virtual.

More information can be found below -

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20728/kinship/2107/different\\_types\\_of\\_kinship\\_care](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20728/kinship/2107/different_types_of_kinship_care)

[https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20501/children\\_young\\_people\\_and\\_families/1671/information\\_leaflets\\_for\\_parents\\_and\\_carers](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20501/children_young_people_and_families/1671/information_leaflets_for_parents_and_carers)

## WSCP Training Page

The Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership will be updating their Training Page regularly for Partners, to find out what training is currently available. Please use the link below to keep up to date -

<https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/learning-development/training-c/wscb-events/>

### Current Partnership virtual training includes:

- ◆ Management of Allegations
  - ◆ Signs of Safety
- ◆ Raising Awareness of Exploitation and Vulnerability (GET SAFE)
  - ◆ Levels of Need

Links to free online courses provided by other organisations are also available.

## Barnardo's: BOLOH—the Black, Asian and Minority family Covid-19 Helpline

Barnardo's have created a helpline to support Black, Asian and Minority Group families through COVID-19.

This link takes you to the posters that are available through our website that can be used by professionals:

<https://www.safeguardingworcestershire.org.uk/barnardos-resources-for-parents-and-professionals/>

PDF versions of their leaflets are available below:



BOLOH Leaflet  
Professionals



BOLOH Leaflet  
Parents



BOLOH A4 Poster