

London Bridge Terror Attack 29th November 2019: Advice to the Schools' Sector

Background

You will all be aware of the terror attack that took place last Friday in Fishmonger's Hall, London Bridge. We are aware that among the victims were alumni and staff of the University of Cambridge, who were involved in the prisoner rehabilitation conference as part of the Learning Together Programme. The very nature and location of the event means that there were likely to have been other education professionals present and several educational institutions in the local area.

The following guidance, advice and support may be of assistance to the schools' sector, should they be seeking any support in the aftermath of Friday's terror attack:

Support to victims

The Victims of Terrorism Unit at the Home Office <u>victims of terrorism page</u>, includes access to support services, including mental health and other medical services. It also gives advice on handling requests from the media.

Resources for the sector

The following online resources may be of specific assistance to educators (safeguarding leads and teachers) with **discussions about terrorist attacks**:

- The PSHE Association Frameworks: <u>Primary</u> and <u>Secondary</u> resources
- Educate Against Hate
- <u>NSPCC</u>

Protective Security

The **Department for Education's School and College Security Guidance** can be found here:

School and College Security Guidance Terrorist Incident Response Checklist

The National Coordinator Protect and Prepare has encouraged anyone hosting events to review both their risk assessments in relation to attendance lists and accreditation, and also their search and screening policies. The links below can give advice on Protective Security:

CPNI Advice on Search and Screening Crowded Placed Guidance NaCTSO guidance and ACT Campaign

If you have specific concerns relating to extremism in an education setting or require further support not covered by the services listed above, please call the DfE's counter-extremism helpline for advice. **The Department for Education's Counter Extremism Helpline 020 7340 7264** (Monday-Friday 9am-5pm)