



# EXTREMISM

# Safeguarding against radicalisation and extremism

t2 is committed to providing a secure environment for its learners, where they feel safe and are kept safe. One of the newer areas that you will have heard about on the news recently is radicalisation and extremism.

Since 2010, when the Government published the Prevent Strategy, there has been an awareness of the specific need to Safeguard children, young people and families from violent extremism. There have been several occasions both locally and nationally in which extremist groups have attempted to radicalise vulnerable children and young people to hold extreme views including views. These views can include political, religious, sexist or racist violence, or to steer them into a rigid and narrow ideology that is intolerant of diversity and leaves them vulnerable to future radicalisation.

The current threat from terrorism in the United Kingdom may include the exploitation of vulnerable people, to involve them in terrorism or in an activity in support of terrorism. The normalisation of extreme views may also make children and young people vulnerable to future manipulation and exploitation. t2 is clear that this exploitation and radicalisation should be viewed as a Safeguarding concern.

## The definition of extremism is:

*'Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs; and/or calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.'*

t2 seeks to protect children and young people against the messages of all violent extremism.

## Signs to look out for:

Some signs of extremist behaviour could be:

- Disclosures by learners of their extremist actions
- Graffiti symbols, writing or artwork promoting extremist messages or images
- Learners accessing extremist material online, potentially through social networking sites
- Parental reports of changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and request for assistance
- Learners voicing opinion drawn from extremist ideologies and a narratives
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious, or views based on, but not exclusive to gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture
- An attempt to impose extremist views or practices on others
- Anti-Western or Anti British views

This list is by no means exhaustive, if you have any concerns that a learner may be at risk of radicalisation or extremism you should contact our Safeguarding & Prevent Lead, **Stacy Preston** immediately on **02920 799 133 / 07876 824 157** or our Deputy Safeguarding & Prevent Lead, **Lisa Sheppard** on **02920 799 133 / 07881 093 484**.