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Dear Parents/Carers

The Lincolnshire Police Prevent team would like to reach out to parents/carers within the county to raise awareness around the risk of radicalisation among young people and have asked us to share the following message:

It can be hard to know what to do if you're worried someone close is expressing extreme views or hatred, which could lead to them harming themselves or others. Working with other organisations, the police protect vulnerable people from being exploited by extremists through a Home Office programme called Prevent.

Young people can be at a greater risk of being targeted by extremists and the internet has made it much easier for radicalisers to find and identify people who might be easily influenced.

In Lincolnshire, last year most of the cases referred to Prevent related to young people and one of the biggest concerns was online activity including the sharing of extremist information.

Friends and family are often the first to spot worrying changes taking place. These can be big or small changes that take place very quickly or over a longer period. Trust your instincts and if you're concerned seek advice.

ACT Early provides advice on the risks of radicalisation, spotting the signs and what to do if concerned. ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation https://actearly.uk

Yours sincerely

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