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ADDITION to APN'S Safeguarding Policy

Prevent Duty

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on Early Years Childcare Providers in the exercise of their functions to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism."

APN recognises its duty to protect children from **indoctrination** into any form of extreme ideology which may lead to the harm of self or others. The EYFS 2017 accordingly places clear duties on provision to keep children safe and promote their welfare.

APN is committed to promote and work within the fundamental **British Values** of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs.

Children and young people can be drawn into violence or they can be exposed to the messages of **extremist** groups by many means. These can include family members or friends, direct contact with members groups and organizations or, increasingly, through the internet. This can put a young person at risk of being drawn into criminal activity and has the potential to cause significant harm.

Potential diagnostic indicators are:

- use of inappropriate language
- possession of violent extremist literature
- behavioral changes
- the expression of extremist views
- advocating violent action and means
- association with known extremists
- seeking to recruit others to and extremist ideology

Some children and families may be at risk due to living or being indirect contact with known extremists. Such children may be identified by the police or through CHANNEL process. www.gov.uk/Channel Duty Guidance.

CHANNEL is a program which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The program uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people by:

- a. identifying individuals at risk
- b. assessing the nature and extend of that risk and
- c. developing the most appropriate support plan for individuals concerned.

The risk of **radicalisation** is the product of a number of factors and identifying this risk requires that staff exercise their professional judgment, seeking further advice as necessary. (See contacts below)

What to do?

Staff who observe any behavior or who hear or are told anything significant by a child/young person or others **must** report their concerns to APN's Designated Named Person – Sarah Taylor - who should carry out an initial assessment of the concern and decide whether further action is required and if needed, identifying the most appropriate referral as advised by the Authorities.

Definitions:

Radicalisation refers to the “process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups”.

Indoctrination: “teaching someone to accept a set of beliefs without questioning them”.

Extremism is defined by the government as: “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.

Referrals:

1.- Concerns for the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person can contact:

Children's services Contact Team:

Tel. 0207 7527 7400 (Monday to Friday 9am-5pm)

Emergency Duty Team:

Tel. 0207 226 0992 (5pm - 9a, plus weekends and bank holidays)

CHANNEL process: www.gov.uk/government/Channel Duty Guidance

Concerns can also be raised to:

Department of Education helpline: 020 7340 7264

E-mail: extremism@education.gsi.gov.uk

2.- If suspected imminent threat of harm to others contact:

Police

Tel: 999

Anti-Terrorist Hotline

Tel. 0800 789321