



Safeguarding Children from Radicalisation

Children at risk of radicalisation are being drawn into an environment which leads them, often of their own free will, into a single focused mind-set and commitment to engage with a set of values and behaviours which are not in their best interests or that of their family and friends.

Safeguarding issues such as child sexual exploitation and grooming are very closely connected with radicalisation in terms of strategies used by 'recruiters'. The signs and indicators therefore may be the same.

Risks/Signs

There is no clear profile of someone who is vulnerable to radicalisation. From recent known examples we know only that no one group of people become radicalised and go on to be involved with violent or non-violent extremist activities.

Alongside the known indicators of abuse such as child exploitation and on-line bullying, the following may provide additional guidance:

- Changing their behaviour or appearance
- Adopting styles of clothes associated with groups with whom they have had no previous connection - this could be faith or political based
- Becoming isolated from friends, peers or family members