

## Safeguarding Emerging issues

### Andrew Tate - Fact Sheet for Parents

At the start of the 2022/23 academic year we received feedback from several schools with concerns related to the internet personality Andrew Tate and his potential negative influence on adolescents, predominantly boys. We have produced this fact sheet to share with parents to ensure they are aware of Andrew Tate, can follow the provided link to increase their knowledge and are better placed to respond if their child talks about Andrew Tate at home.

#### Who is Andrew Tate?

Andrew Tate is an internet personality, his approach is one consisting of highly misogynistic views of woman, as a self-described 'self-help' guru and offering 'get rich quick' schemes. He is banned from all major social media platforms but his content still appears online, often posted by other users. He does have an existing account on the platform **Rumble** and his content is still very easily accessible through a standard web search.

He also runs a website called **Hustlers University**. This offers the promise of educating people about how they can earn a significant income online. It is reported (*The Guardian*) that children as young as 13 have signed up to this site.

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Guardian – Provides a good bio of Andrew Tate and his views.

<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2022/aug/06/andrew-tate-violent-misogynistic-world-of-tiktok-new-star>



## Emerging Issues

### Incel

Incels (Involuntary Celibates) are a subculture who espouse misogynistic and anti-feminist narratives to express their frustration at their lack of success with females.

- In most cases they are non-violent, but have been responsible for violent attacks in the past, especially in the United States. One of the most notable figures was Elliot Rodger who murdered 6 people in 2014 as “retribution” for women who had rejected him. He is referred to as a “saint” and incels will use the phrase “go ER” in relation to committing attacks.
- Incels are likely to reject support or referrals to supporting agencies as they are “black pill’d” and therefore beyond help.
- Many incels consider themselves to have autistic traits, even in the absence of a formal diagnosis
- They may research attack methodologies and ideologies such as Islamist or Right Wing Extremism.

#### Incel Activity in the UK

- On 12/08/2021, 22year old Jake DAVISON shot and killed five people in Plymouth, before turning the shotgun on himself. It subsequently emerged that DAVISON had been posting on social media platforms favoured by Incels and had likened himself to them in videos that he had recorded.
- Anwar DRIOUICH from Teessville in Cleveland was arrested in 2019 for possession of explosive substances and “terrorist manuals”. In March 2020 he was sentenced to 20 months for these offences. DRIOUICH was the first arrest made for terrorist offences where the perpetrator was linked to the incel culture.

### Crossbows and Bows

Currently crossbows may only be purchased or possessed by people over 18. They cannot be carried in public and may be classed as an offensive weapon. There is however no registration or storage requirement under the law. These weapons can be purchased without a licence from a range of outlets or via the internet, and cost from a few hundred pounds into the thousands of pounds, depending upon sophistication and power.

On Christmas Day in 2021 a 19 year old man was arrested at Windsor Castle in possession of a crossbow.

On 13/10/2021 Espen BRATHEN, a Danish citizen, Conducted a bow and arrow attack in Kongsberg in Norway, 52 miles from Oslo. Five people were killed, with a further three being injured. Norwegian authorities launched a terrorism investigation, but the actual motive was unclear, although it is known that BRATHEN had converted to Islam and there were fears that he may have been radicalised.

The Home Secretary has requested a review of legislation covering the purchase and registration of crossbows.

### 3D Printed weapons

There is growing concern regarding the manufacture and potential use of 3D printed weapons, including firearms. Printers currently cost between approximately £250 up to several thousands.

As the technology improves and costs come down, it is likely that such devices will become more common and therefore the danger of printed weapon proliferation increases.

There have already been arrests made nationally in relation to the possession of printed firearms components and the plans to make them. Such weapons could be made and used by any ideology.





### Right Wing Terrorism / Extremism

Classification	Beliefs
<b>Cultural Nationalism</b>	A belief that "Western Culture" is under threat from mass migration into Europe and the lack of integration by certain ethnic and cultural groups.
<b>White Nationalism</b>	A belief that mass migration from the "non-white" world, and demographic change, possess a threat to the "White Race" and "Western Culture". Advocates a "White homeland". Classified as Identitarian
<b>White Supremacism</b>	A belief that the "White Race" has certain mental and physical characteristics that make it superior to other races. This can also include a belief in the spiritual superiority of the "White Race".

In September, Britain First registered as a political party once again, and it's registration was approved by the electoral commission. It had previously been a party from 2010 but was de-registered by the electrical commission in 2017 for administrative reasons.

In June Jayda FRANSEN, one of the previous leaders of Britain First ran for election in the Batley and Spen by-election, but failed to be elected, receiving only 50 votes. This was the constituency of Jo COX, the MP who was killed by a right wing extremist in 2016.

Britain First and other groups continue to conduct protests across the United Kingdom and in North Yorkshire. These have included targeting hotels housing refugees.

Patriotic Alternative have been present at recent protests outside the former RAF Linton On Ouse base, which is to be converted into asylum accommodation.

#### Proscribed Groups

The following RWT groups have been proscribed in the UK, and membership or support may constitute an offence



Sonnenkrieg Division



System Resistance Network



Feuerkrieg Division



Scottish Dawn



National Action



NS131



Atomwaffen Division (AWD)



The Base

Following Proscription, National Action "re-branded" as Scottish Dawn and NS131 in an attempt to continue activities.

A full list of proscribed organisations can be found at [www.gov.uk/government/publications/proscribed-terror-groups-or-organisations-2](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/proscribed-terror-groups-or-organisations-2)

If you are worried about your child or concerned by something that they have said follow this link for advice, support and guidance <https://actearly.uk/advice/staying-safe-online/>