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## Knife Awareness Programme – KAP

KAP aims to raise awareness amongst young people of the full impact and consequences of knife enabled crime and serious youth violence. It is designed for delivery to young people aged 14 years and above due to the level of emotional engagement required. It challenges and explores attitudes towards violence and weapons; seeking to engage young people as part of the solution rather than identifying them as the problem.

KAP is a two stage programme suitable for either schools, colleges or other youth organisation, delivered as outlined below.

### Stage One – Large Group based Presentation

This is a 60 minute theatre style presentation comprising a series of short video clips regarding weapons issues; including interviews with those convicted of such offences. These video clips are interspersed by personal testimony from those directly involved. This will include the following,

- Police Officer
- Paramedic
- Casualty Doctor/ HEMS
- Family/Friend of Victim
- Word4Weapons (Youth support charity) / Victim Support Service

The purpose of this presentation is to raise awareness amongst young people of the full impact caused by such incidents. It is a hard-hitting emotional experience, we don't use graphic images but the personal testimonies will portray the real impact of violence and knife crime.

The presentation concludes with advice and information from the charities Victim Support or Word4Weapons on keeping safe and making positive lifestyle choices.

### Stage Two - Online Resource Activities

This consists of a series of real-time, online follow-up activities where young people can engage in direct conversation with a range of experts representing health, the law, victims and youth advisory services. This will enable staff and young people to re-visit the conversation regarding weapons, violence and conflict resolution at regular intervals throughout the year to ensure they are still consciously thinking about their own safety and how to help others.

These activities will cover a range of issues, including joint enterprise, gangs, bullying and cyber-safety. Schools or organisations subscribing to this service will be able to gain access for ALL year groups to use these interactive resources.

### What you get

- 60 minute presentation with experts from police, health, bereaved families and youth advisory
- Support opportunity for individual students at risk of becoming involved in crime
- Access to follow-up resources
- Real time discussion with online experts
- Small group work (online); enabling students to ask questions of a personal nature directly to experts. These are not viewed by others in the class
- Advice on actions students can take to raise awareness amongst peer groups
- Talkboard for students to communicate with other schools regarding these issues
- Access for all year groups to the e-engage whole school programme
- Technical support and training for members of staff using e-engage programme
- Reporting system - secure, online reporting portal for students to leave anonymous information of those who are routinely carrying weapons

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