

# CHANNEL PANEL CASE STUDY

Case of Mr G.J  
Aged 20

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## BACKGROUND

- Living with Mother and Brother
- Living in a small village within NPT
- Parents are separated
- Has had no relationship with his Dad since birth
- Siblings have good relationships with their Dads
- Has had no male role model throughout his life
- The family regularly move house

## BACKGROUND

- His Mother is very supportive
- Home environment is pleasant, clean and tidy
- Attends Neath College
- Diagnosed with Aspergus Syndrome
- Suffers from Depression
- Presents as unhappy and dissatisfied with life
- Socially isolated; No peer / friendship group
- Confused around his sexuality

## NPT Education

- Studying Music & Drama at NPT College
- Making good progress in both subjects
- Previously studied at Aberdare College

## Health

- Known to Adult Mental Health but had not engaged
- Previously known to CAMHS



## NPT Social Services

- Previously open to Children's services but now closed
- Not known to Adult Services until Channel Referral was made

## South Wales Police

- Known to Police from April 2017 due to a threat made whilst at Aberdare College about American style shooting as he 'did not like his fellow students'.

*(Prevent referral was made at the time of the incident by Aberdare College / NPT College aware of this)*

# REFERRAL TO CHANNEL

- Referral made by Transition Officer at NPT College
- GJ had told a fellow student he was feeling suicidal
- GJ said he wanted to *'take all those who have wronged him with him'*
- GJ felt everyone at college was against him, staff and student alike
- Stated his ex girlfriend had cheated on him

Staff did not feel he would carry out the threat, but made the referral based on the above concerns and knowledge of previous incident at Aberdare

# Details of Referral

- Following the disclosure by GJ at college, a Channel referral was made
- Went through deconfliction process at WECTU (Wales Extremism & Counter Terrorism Unit)
- Deemed appropriate for Channel consideration
- Discussed at panel on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018
- All agency information shared
- Referred to Home Office Intervention Provider
- Action Plan developed
- Follow-up meeting arranged

# INTERVENTION PROVIDER

## Concerns

- Columbine related
- No specific ideology to challenge
- Feels resented by his Father
- Lack of respect for his mother and no male role model
- Uses Cannabis recreationally
- Craving attention
- Needs a positive male influence
- Poor personal hygiene



# PROGRESS

- 10 sessions with Intervention provider
- Appointment arranged with Mental Health Team
- Prescribed anti depressants
- Engaging well with College, has enrolled for next term
- Appears far more positive, a noted different by various professionals and his relatives

# PROGRESS

- Extra curricular activities sought by Intervention Provider
- Referred to Local Area Coordinator
- Additional support provided by college - a male support worker to give a positive male influence
- No further expressions of suicidal thoughts, or threats to peers
- Action Plan completed and signed off
- Exit Strategy developed
- Closed to Channel

# OUTCOMES

- Good example of Early Intervention and Prevention through Channel Panel
- Positive information sharing amongst partners
- Good attendance and engagement at Channel
- Risks managed and significantly reduced
- Concerns addressed
- Effective action plan developed
- Positive interventions by Home Office Provider
- Strong Exit Strategy
- Positive Outcome for GJ