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Radicalisation and online risks

Advances in technology has proven to widely change people's behaviour, and has given power which has proven to lead to mass destruction. For example, livestreaming massacre through social media technology which is shared to many around the world live.

Although there are many advantages to technology, being overly connected can cause psychological issues, mental health problems caused by narcissism, expectation of instant gratification and even depression. Being drawn into gangs through this use, de-humanises actions.

The Deep web

The deep web, or hidden web are parts of the worldwide web whose contents are not indexed by standard web search-engines. Due to the anonymity and 'deep' level of privacy that TOR and such private browsers offer, unfortunately it is also a popular nesting ground for criminal and illegal activity. While it is legal to access the deep web with a dedicated or anonymous browser, some websites on the deep web are not legal to visit. There are download browsers made easily available online.

TOR (onion router) is an IP marking software that can be used for fire arms, hit men, and child abuse/abuse forums. TOR is free and open-source software for enabling anonymous communication. People posting things anonymously to carry out tasks and actions that cause significant harm.

The killing game- 'my friend Frank'

A startling video and insight on the dangers of online grooming through gaming. It features a 14 year old boy with a difficult home life who finds solace in a new friend he meets online via an online video game. The grooming resulted in the young boy meeting up with who he believed was his friend who was the perpetrator and was abused and murdered.

It is important to always advise children and young people to keep screen shot evidence of technology/online communications with date and time as it can be easily lost.

Child abuse photos are tagged, abusers use own abbreviation language in the forums to let each other know if they are seeking a male or female.

Creepy pastas private networking site

Is sites based on the internet with exaggerated horror stories, that are passed around on forums and other sites to disturb and frighten readers. The internet entries are often brief, user-generated, paranormal stories intended to scare readers.

Creepy pastas fictitious 'Slender Man' character came to public attention after the 2014 "slender man stabbing", in which a 12-year-old girl from Wisconsin USA was stabbed by two of her friends; the perpetrators claimed they "wanted to prove the Slender Man sceptics" wrong!

If you have any concerns, please contact JTM's Safeguarding Lead on 0151 336 9358 or a member of the Safeguarding Team immediately on 0151 336 9352.