**Scenario 3: Conor**

**Conor** is 24 and was born and raised in the UK. As a teenager he became interested in politics and as this interest grew Conor got introduced to more politically active people in online chat rooms and other social media. This led to Conor being invited to attend some day trips to beauty spots with other young people organised by a small British political group. On these trips the young people would pose with the movement’s banners and symbols as well as enjoying sightseeing and having political discussions with older members of the group. After these trips Conor expressed heightened grievances about foreigners and immigrants taking jobs and housing from white British people.

Over time Conor’s identity has become strongly grounded in the beliefs and activities of this political group, including regularly attending some political meetings and demonstrations. He shares their belief in the importance of patriotism. Conor is especially close to two older men in the group, who give him advice and guidance. One of these older men has become a father figure for Conor and he often seeks advice from this senior figure. Conor is also strongly influenced by younger men in his group, and has become good mates with many of them.

Recently, Conor has started to view large amounts of extremist literature, which includes instructional manuals and associated material from other far right political groups. Conor has started to advocate the use of violence against minorities whom he believes pose a threat to the culture of the nation and who do not belong in the UK. He has experimented with some chemicals in his garage and has openly discussed targeting a religious establishment. He has told in confidence one close friend and one relative outside his political group about the plans he is making, which he believes is justified in defending Britain against this perceived threat. Some of Conor’s friends have also started to plan spectacular acts of violence against minorities as well as those who they support.

**You** are close to Conor and you care deeply about him despite not sharing his political beliefs. He tells you, in confidence, about his plans to develop a weapon to target a nearby religious establishment. You know he is sincere and that he has struggled a lot in his life up until now. But you are also very worried for Conor’s safety if he becomes involved in violence. You care about him as a person, and about the impact his choices may have on his family.