

Preventing Terrorism and Radicalisation within our Communities: Your guide to Prevent



Working together to prevent people being drawn into terrorism and extremism.

Terrorism can occur anywhere in the world with atrocities carried out in support of various ideologies. There is no single definition of terrorism but it commonly refers to criminal acts intended to provoke a state of terror in the general public.

The most serious threat we face in the UK is from international terrorism groups linked to or influenced by Al-Qaeda (AQ) and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL); who wrongly use religion to justify their actions. However, terrorism can be motivated by a range of ideologies or other factors, including religion, politics and race. In the UK extreme right wing groups and single issue groups such as animal rights campaigners can pose a significant threat.

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• **What is Prevent?**

Prevent is part of the Government’s counter-terrorism strategy that aims to stop people becoming terrorists supporting or being drawn into terrorism and extremism

It is a multi-agency approach to safeguard people at risk of radicalisation.

Prevent does not aim to criminalise people for holding extreme views, but seeks to stop individuals from encouraging or even committing violent activity.

• **How does it work?**

By understanding why people become radicalised can help to identify ways of preventing people from becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism.

Prevent focuses on working with vulnerable individuals who may be at risk of being exploited by radicalisers and subsequently drawn into terrorist-related activity.

Radicalisation can take weeks, months or even years. It is possible to intervene during this process and stop someone becoming a terrorist or supporting violent extremist activity.

• **What is Channel?**

Channel is a multi-agency approach developed to protect and support people at risk of being drawn into terrorism or violent extremism.

Channel Partners include Local Authority, Healthcare providers, Probation, Police and members of the community, who work together to support individuals vulnerable to radicalisation and provide tailored safeguarding measures to support their needs.

A range of options and interventions are available including mentoring, welfare support and access to key services.

This process can support the people in your community. You may have concerns that an individual is susceptible to radicalisation or recruitment by terrorists or violent extremists. The earlier the Channel intervention the more likely it is to be effective; so make the referral at the earliest opportunity.



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• **What does it mean for me?**

We all have a role to play in Prevent within our organisations and communities by helping people understand what the strategy aims to achieve.

If you believe someone is at risk of radicalisation you can help them obtain support and prevent them becoming involved in terrorism by raising your concerns and making a referral.

If your concerns lead you to believe people may be in imminent danger: DIAL 999

• **Making a referral**

You can make a referral by speaking with your supervisor or Prevent Lead.

• **Online**

An overview of prevent and information on making referral is available on the Trafford CCG website: www.traffordccg.nhs.uk/safeguarding/

There is a lot of information about Prevent available on the Home Office website: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office

If you encounter terrorist information, pictures or videos on the internet you can report these directly to; https://eforms.homeoffice.gov.uk/outreach/terrorism_reporting.ofml

For more information, advice and stories on the effects being drawn into extremism or terrorism go to the Prevent Tragedies website: <http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk/>

Useful Contacts

Trafford CCG Prevent Lead	0161 765 4587
Trafford CCG Designated Nurse for Safeguarding Children	0161 912 3828
Trafford CCG Safeguarding Adults Designated Lead	0161 873 6083 / 9012
Anti-terrorist hotline	0800 789 321
Crimestoppers	0800 555 111