

# PREVENT AND CHANNEL

*A practitioners guide to safeguarding people from  
radicalisation and terrorism*



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# WHAT IS PREVENT?

- Prevent is **one** strand of the UK's wider counter-terrorism strategy known as CONTEST
- Prevent aims to **stop** people from **becoming terrorists** or supporting terrorism of **any form**
- Prevent **safeguards people** and **communities** from the threat of terrorism
- Prevent provides early intervention and personalised support to divert people away from terrorism

The three main objectives of the Prevent Strategy are to:

1. Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism
2. Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support
3. Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate

There is no magic recipe to Prevent. It requires the combined effort of communities and organisations who work in **partnership** to ensure terrorism does not occur or flourish within **our communities**.

# WHAT IS RADICALISATION AND EXTREMISM?

## RADICALISATION

Radicalisation is defined as the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism.

## EXTREMISM

Extremism is the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also regard calls for the death of members of our armed forces as extremist.

## PREVENT

Prevent recognises that feeling passionately about something **does not** constitute a terrorism threat. However, when it is felt that activities **may** violently oppose democracy or other aspects outlined in the extremism definition, concerns will **understandably** be heightened, right?

# SO WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH ME?

It's the **law**. Having due regard to the need to prevent people from becoming a terrorist or supporting terrorism is a duty placed on a number of statutory services. These services can be seen in Schedule 6 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. This is known as the '**Prevent Duty**'.

A key objective of this duty is to provide support and personalised interventions to vulnerable people.

Your current role in safeguarding and supporting vulnerable people places you in a unique position to help tackle terrorism and reduce the threat of it. Among other things, we ask that you:

- Know what radicalisation and extremism is and why people may be drawn into terrorism or support terrorist activities.
- Know what measures are available to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and how we can challenge extremist ideologies and behaviours that may be associated with it.
- Understand how people can access support.

## HOW DO I KNOW THE RISK OF TERRORISM?

Each year a Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLTP) is produced. This assessment outlines the local and national terrorist threat and helps to ensure that resources and activities are targeted at reducing these risks.

CTLTP's are disseminated to agencies who have a responsibility under the Prevent Duty. If you are unaware of who this is within your sector you should speak to your manager who should be able to help you find out more about the CTLTP.

# HOW TO MAKE A REFERRAL

Complete Prevent referral form at **Derby City Council's Prevent webpage**

or

Complete Prevent referral form at **Derbyshire Constabulary's Prevent webpage**

or

Complete Prevent referral form at **Safer Derbyshire's Prevent webpage**

## **Assess**

The Prevent team will then assess the information that you have provided

## **Contact**

The Prevent team will then contact you

## **Support**

The Prevent team will then explore ways in which we can support the person you referred.

# WHAT IS CHANNEL AND HOW DOES IT SUPPORT PREVENT?

Channel is the safeguarding panel which supports Prevent.

Led by the Local Authority, it is a programme which focuses on **supporting** people at an early stage who could be drawn into terrorism. It ensures people of **any** age, faith, ethnicity or background receive support before their vulnerabilities are exploited by those wanting them to embrace terrorism or any illegal extremist activity.

It is a **confidential** and **voluntary** process that allows individuals to have the final say of accepting support or not. The type of support that is provided is decided upon by the individual referred and partners who will work **with** them. This ensures that any support that is provided is **tailored** to the persons needs. These support options are vast and include support with education, employment, housing, mental health and any other necessary challenges. Ideological support is also common, which may include discussion with credible ideological experts and faith leaders.

Individuals who are referred to Prevent or receive support from Channel are **not** criminalised and will **not** receive a criminal record unless a criminal offence is committed.



# PREVENT SUCCESS STORIES

“Without going through the Channel process and having one-to-one mentoring I would not be in college and employment today.”

MARK, MALE, EXTREME RIGHT WING

“The Prevent team have really helped my son and they really seemed to understand him. It has also allowed him to understand himself and has been a great help.”

LIAM, MALE, ISLAMIST EXTREMISM

“I would encourage anyone who is referred and needs support to be involved with Prevent. It can open your eyes and create opportunities that you may not have had otherwise.”

JOE, MALE, EXTREME RIGHT WING

# CONTACT

## HOW TO CONTACT PREVENT

If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact the local Prevent team:

### **Kyle Hudson**

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### **Local Prevent helpline**

0300 122 8694

### **Derbyshire Prevent**

Prevent@derbyshire.gov.uk

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, search for:

- [Act Early](#)
- [Channel Duty Guidance](#)
- [Contest 2018](#)
- [Educate against hate](#)

# TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For training and continued professional development please contact Kyle Hudson at **[kyle.hudson@derby.gov.uk](mailto:kyle.hudson@derby.gov.uk)**.

For those who work in education, for training and professional development please contact **[sally.siner@derby.gov.uk](mailto:sally.siner@derby.gov.uk)**.

For those who work in Derbyshire, for training and continued professional development please contact **[Prevent@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Prevent@derbyshire.gov.uk)**

For e-learning, please search:

- [Prevent awareness course](#)
- [Prevent referrals course](#)
- [Channel course](#)

