

Safeguarding 7 minute briefing: Prevent

What does the Prevent Co-Ordinator/Lead do?

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Our Preventing Extremism/Terrorism Lead is Steve Rowell

What happens with the referral?

Referrals are screened and if suitable for multi-agency consideration, are passed to the Channel team. Channel is an voluntary, multi-agency process designed to safeguard vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremism or terrorist behaviour. Multi-agency partners work collectively to assess the risk to an individual, decide whether an intervention is necessary and develop appropriate support.

What to do if you have a concern

If you notice a change in an individual that concerns you, in that they may be vulnerable to radicalisation, follow our Prevent and Safeguarding policy. Talk to a DSL/contact the Prevent local co-ordinator. Share the concern by completing the Prevent referral form.



Background

Prevent is part of the government's counter-terrorism strategy and aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The three main objectives of Prevent are:

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

Who is Prevent for?

Prevent tackles causes & risk factors that can lead to radicalisation. Early intervention supports those who are at risk. The level of intervention increases with the level of risk. All public sector agencies have a responsibility to ensure their staff, service providers & volunteers have a good understanding of risks, are trained to recognise radicalisation/associated behaviours & how to report concerns.

What is Extremism?

Extremism is defined as, vocal or active opposition to British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

What is Radicalisation?

Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and in some cases then participates in terrorist activity. There is no one process or indicator of when a person might move to adopt violence in support of extremist ideas. The process is different for each individual and can take place over an extended period or a short time frame.

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