

Prevent and Channel

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:

- Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism
- Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support
- 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.

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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?

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 you receive is decided by yourself and partners who will work with you. 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 any one 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 Prevent:

National Prevent Advice Line -
0800 011 3764

Act Early -
<https://actearly.uk>

~~Further Information~~

For further information, please search for:

- Channel Duty Guidance
- Prevent & Channel factsheet
- Educate Against Hate

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