

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:

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?

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 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:

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FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, search for:

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

As part of your consent to receive support through Channel, your personal information may be shared with other professionals. We will ensure that when we share your personal information it is done securely, proportionately and only where necessary.

For more information including on how your information will be processed, please see the Privacy Notices on the Derby City Council webpage. If you have any further queries or question we are always happy to talk, so please contact us on the contact details provided.

