Prevent Referrals - Pathway

Are there worries about a young person's change in appearance and behaviour, their ideology or online activity?



Take advice from your school Safeguarding Lead.

If further advice is required, you can contact Derbyshire County Council's Prevent Lead Jamie Dean at 01629 535646, Regional Delivery Officer Joie Cain at joie.cain@derbyshire.gov.uk or for general advice you can also email joie.cain@derbyshire.gov.uk.

You can call the Police Prevent team at 0300 122 8694 or the Starting Point Advice Line at 01629 535353.

If you are still concerned, or you are advised to, you should make a Police Prevent referral.



Make the Prevent referral using the referral form on the Derbyshire Police website.



If the child is considered to be at immediate risk of harm, a telephone referral should be made 01629 533190 (Call Derbyshire).



If the child is not considered to be at immediate risk of harm, start the Early Help Assessment if it has not already been started/completed.

This will help to support the young person/family as well as evidencing actions taken, should additional support be required



Police receive all Prevent referrals – investigations are undertaken and where Child Protection concerns other than radicalisation and extremism are identified, a referral to social care is made via the police electronic network.





A Social Worker will review the presenting information within the referral to determine further actions for Social Care or Targeted Early Help services. An officer from the Police Prevent team will be included in the Strategy discussions if they are required.

The Police Prevent Team will gather information from partner agencies about the person referred in. If there are enough concerns about the person's susceptibility to radicalisation and support of terrorism, they may be presented to Channel.



At Channel, a multi-agency panel will decide whether to "adopt" the case. This means that the person can access tailored, specialist support to divert them from extremism. The referred person must consent to access this support – for children this consent is given by parents/carers.

NB – Whilst the Police Prevent Team can recognise vulnerabilities and support the safeguarding process, they are primarily focused on Counter Terrorism and Domestic Extremism risk. Please make sure other safeguarding measures (including Early help Assessments) are progressed in a timely manner.

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