

What is Prevent? 1

Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of **CONTEST**, the UK 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 challenges 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**.

Who is Prevent for? 2

Prevent initiatives tackle both the causes and risk factors that can lead to someone becoming radicalised.

It directly supports those who are at risk through early intervention, is resourced to assess risk and address all forms of terrorism and extremism.

Prevent works in a similar way to other safeguarding processes designed to protect individuals whereby the level of intervention increases with the level of risk.

Under the Prevent Duty all public sector agencies have a responsibility to ensure their staff, service providers and volunteers have a good understanding of the risk, are trained to recognise radicalisation and associated behaviour and how to report concerns.

Radicalisation 3

Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and in some case 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.

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. It also calls for the death of members of the armed forces here or abroad.

What should I do if I have concerns? 4

NOTICE-CHECK-SHARE

If you **notice** a change in an individual that concerns you, in that they may be susceptible to radicalisation, follow your organisations policy/Prevent and Channel referral process.

Check your concerns with a manager or designated safeguarding lead and contact the Prevent team for advice.

Share the concerns with the police by completing the [Prevent referral form](#).

What happens with the referral? 5

Referrals are screened for suitability with a preliminary assessment by the police. If suitable for multi-agency consideration, it is passed to the local authority **Channel** team.

What is Channel?

Channel is a multi-agency process designed to safeguard vulnerable people from being drawn into violent, extremist or terrorist behaviour. Channel is chaired by the local authority and works with multi-agency partners to collectively assess whether an intervention is necessary and develop an appropriate support package for each referral.

Myth buster 6

- Prevent deals with all forms of extremism – it does not.
- It is not about preventing peaceful protest or discouraging debate.
- Channel is about safeguarding.
- It is lead by the council not the police.
- It aims to prevent people committing criminal offences.
- Referrals do not result in a criminal record.
- Participation in interventions is voluntary.

Further information 7

- Norfolk Police: www.norfolk.police.uk
- Norfolk Police Prevent Team: Prevent@norfolk.police.uk or call 01953 423905

Public sector staff should use the National Prevent Referral form and email:

- preventreferrals-NC@norfolk.police.uk
- National Police Prevent Advice Line: 0800 011 3764
- Report online material promoting terrorism or extremism at www.gov.uk/report-terrorism

All technologies must not be used to create any agency Prevent referral.

The risk of using such technology could distort the meaning of extremism and impact the overall assessment process.