

1 Terrorism / Extremism / Radicalisation

Terrorism - Action intending to cause serious violence to an individual/group, serious damage to property or serious disruption to electronic systems

The Terrorism Threat in the UK is **SUBSTANTIAL** (an attack is likely) Includes the threat from Islamist, Northern Ireland, left-wing and right-wing terrorism

Extremism - opposition to fundamental values of democracy, law, liberty, respect, tolerance for different faiths and beliefs

Radicalisation – the process by which individuals come to support terrorism and extremism

2 CONTEST (UK Counter-Terrorism Strategy)

Aims to reduce the risk to the UK, and its interests overseas, from terrorism so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence

Prevent - to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism

Pursue - to stop terrorist attacks

Protect - to strengthen protection against a terrorist attack

Prepare - to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

3 PREVENT

Prevent is grounded in early intervention and safeguarding to support and divert individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism

Challenges the ideologies used by extremists

Works across sectors (e.g., education, health, social care, police, probation) to identify and support people who may be at risk

Prevent e-learning:

<http://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk>

7 Myth-busting

Prevent deals with all forms of extremism

It is not about preventing peaceful protest or discouraging debate

Channel is about safeguarding

It is led 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

4 The Prevent Duty

Counterterrorism & Security Act 2015

Requires specified authorities in the exercise of their functions to have '*due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism*'

Specified authorities include police, local authorities, schools, health and social care providers, probation

Delivering Prevent requires partnership working, risk assessment, staff training

All staff and volunteers must recognise and report any behaviours indicating violent extremism and/or radicalisation

5 How to Refer

Complete the Prevent Referral Form which can be found here:

[Prevent Referral Form](#)

To discuss a concern, contact the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Tel: 0151 443 2600

Unlike mainstream safeguarding for adults/children there is NO threshold to make a Prevent referral for an individual to access specialist support. All concerns MUST be referred through

6 CHANNEL

When a Prevent Referral is received it is screened by police. If suitable for multi-agency consideration, it is passed to the local authority Channel team.

Channel forms a key part of Prevent. Channel is a **voluntary**, multi-agency process to safeguard adults and children from being drawn into violent extremism or terrorist behaviour. **Channel Panel** is chaired by the local authority to consider Prevent referrals

Channel is pre-criminal. It provides support tailored to individual needs based on a vulnerability assessment. It aims to divert the person before illegal activity occurs

[Channel Duty Guidance 2020](#)

