

PREVENT 7 Minute Briefing



1. What is Prevent?	3. Radicalisation & Extremism
Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the UK government's counter-terrorism strategy, and aims to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Prevent work also extends to supporting the rehabilitation and disengagement of those already involved in terrorism. The objectives of Prevent are: • Tackling the ideological causes of terrorism • Intervening early to support people susceptible to radicalisation • Enabling people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate	Radicalisation means someone is displaying extreme views in support of extreme ideologies or beliefs, terrorist groups, and activities. Extremism is the promotion or advancement of an ideology based on violence, hatred, or intolerance, that aims to: • Negate or destroy the fundamental rights and freedoms of others • Undermine, overturn, or replace the UK's system of liberal parliamentary democracy and democratic rights • Intentionally create a permissive environment for others to achieve either of the above
2. Who Is Prevent For	4. What should you do if you have a concern?
Prevent initiatives tackle both the causes and risk factors that can lead someone to become radicalised. It directly supports those who are at risk through early intervention, is resourced to risk, and addresses 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 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 behaviours, and know how to report concerns.	NOTICE • CHECK • SHARE If you notice a change, follow your organisation's Prevent & Channel referral process, check with a manager or designated safeguarding lead, and share concerns with police using the referral form.

5. Referrals should be sent to:

Complete the National Prevent referral form and email it to:

To — CTPNW.Merseyside@merseyside.pnn.police.uk

Cc — i-ART@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk (for referrals under 18 only)

Advice before referral: 0151 777 8506 | prevent@merseyside.police.uk

What happens with the referral?

Referrals are screened by police. If suitable for multi-agency consideration, the case is passed to the local authority Channel panel.

What is Channel?

Channel is a voluntary, multi-agency process designed to safeguard susceptible people from being drawn into violent extremism or terrorist behaviour. Channel is chaired by the local authority and works with partners to assess risk, decide whether intervention is necessary, and develop an appropriate support package.

Your Prevent Coordinator contact is:

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Useful Links

ACT Early — www.actearly.uk

CWAC Prevent advice for professionals

CWAC Prevent referral form

GOV.UK Prevent duty training

GOV.UK making a referral to Prevent

CWAC Prevent leaflet

Act Early Support Line
0800 011 3764

Anti-Terrorism Hotline
0800 789 321

Emergency
Dial 999

6. Behaviours & Vulnerabilities

Behaviours

- Absent
- Changes in mood
- Secretive behaviour
- Fixated on new ideas
- Change of language
- Outbursts of anger
- Social withdrawal
- Newfound confidence

Vulnerabilities

- Being at a transitional time of life
- Susceptibility to indoctrination
- A need to dominate & control others
- A desire for excitement & adventure
- A desire for status
- A need for identity, meaning & belonging
- Feeling under threat
- Feelings of grievance & injustice

7. Cheshire West & Chester Prevent Delivery Group – What do we do?

The Prevent Delivery Group is a multi-agency group including the Police, Local authorities, Education establishments, Health, and other public sector agencies to co-ordinate Prevent delivery across Cheshire West & Chester.

Prevent delivery includes:

- Training & Awareness
- Advice and Guidance
- Voluntary, community, civil society, and faith group engagement
- Communications
- Targeted support
- Prevent duty responsibilities