

Channel Panel

Information Leaflet for individuals accessing the service

What we do



The Channel Panel look to make sure that young people, children and adults who may be vulnerable to being drawn into extremism or terrorism are kept safe.

People may be drawn into extremism or terrorism through:

- Becoming a target of another person or group that would like to cause harm to them or others in society.
- Coming into contact with online material which may make extremist acts sound fun.
- Because they are isolated and feeling lonely and looking for someone/something to turn to.



Why have you been referred to the Channel Panel



There have been concerns that you may be at risk from different influences, which make you more vulnerable to being drawn into extremist ways of thinking or acting.

We would like to support you and keep you and others safe from harm. We will do this by working with you and other people who are involved with you to help you achieve the best outcome.

Agreeing to us helping you



The first thing we will do is ask for your agreement. This means that you have the choice about whether to work with us and the services that we offer, or not. We will share information with each other, and this will only be information which is relevant to help us identify risks.

What Support does the Channel Panel offer?



We hold monthly meetings called 'Channel Panel'. At these meetings we discuss and agree what plan would be best for you and support you in making changes.

It may be that we need to refer you to another service, or we may need to involve an Intervention Provider.

This person will meet with you to find out more about how you feel and whether you are taking part in unsafe behaviour.

They will talk things through with you and may offer you different ways of thinking about it.



How long will I be involved with the service?

There is no set time.

We would like to work with you until we feel you are safe from different influences in relation to extremist thinking and behaviour.

We will continue to review your progress at the monthly Channel Panel meetings until we feel that you no longer need to receive support from us.

We will check with everyone involved with you 6 and 12 months after you have finished the service with us, to make sure that you do not need any further support.

Accessing Cheshire West and Chester Council information and services

Council information is also available in Audio, Braille, Large Print or other formats. If you would like a copy in a different format, in another language or require a BSL interpreter, please email us at equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Tel: 0300 123 8 123 **Textphone:** 18001 01606 867 670

email: equalities@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

web: www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk

Further information:

You can withdraw your agreement at any time but please be assured that we ultimately want to work with you to make things better.

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