

01 Background

All professionals have a statutory duty to assist in preventing terrorism. The main aim is prevention and safeguarding. The 'Channel programme' uses a multi-agency approach to protect people who are vulnerable by:

1. Identifying individuals at risk;
2. Assessing the nature and extent of that risk
3. Developing an appropriate support plan for the individual.

There is no single indicator of when a person might move to adopt violence in support of extremist ideas. The process of radicalisation is different for everyone and can happen quickly or slowly.

07 What Next?

Be aware of the possibility that some individuals may be becoming radicalised, and make sure you know the local procedures to follow.

Contact your safeguarding Lead who will know how to refer to Channel Panel.

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06 What should I look for?

Indicators that a young person is engaged with an extremist group, cause or ideology.

- Spending increasing time in the company of other expected extremists
- Changing their style of dress or personal appearance to fit with the group
- Their day-to-day behaviour becomes increasingly centred around an extremist ideology, group or cause
- Loss of interest in other friends and activities
- Possession of material or symbols associated with an extremist cause
- Attempts to recruit others to the group or cause

02 Why it Matters

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 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 behaviours and how to report concerns.

03 Info

The Prevent strategy aims to stop people either from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It does this by:

- challenging the spread of extremist ideology
- preventing vulnerable individuals from being drawn in by it
- working with a wide range of sectors and institutions where there are risks of Radicalisation.

Channel is a key part of the Prevent strategy. It uses existing links between local authorities, statutory partners, the police and local communities to:

- identify individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism
- assess the nature and extent of that risk, and
- develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned

Support may consist of help with family problems, mental health support, religious support, mentoring or anything else deemed to be suitable. Wherever possible, Channel will compliment any mechanisms or interventions already in place to safeguard the individual.

05 What to do if you are concerned

NOTICE -CHECK -SHARE

If you **notice** a change in an individual that concerns you, in that they may be vulnerable to radicalisation, follow your organisation's policy/ Prevent & Channel referral process.

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

Share the concern with the police by completing the Prevent referral form.

