



**COUNTER
TERRORISM
POLICING**



NEW INVENTION INFANTS PREVENT UPDATE

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Prevent duty training

Cohesion Strategy 2017

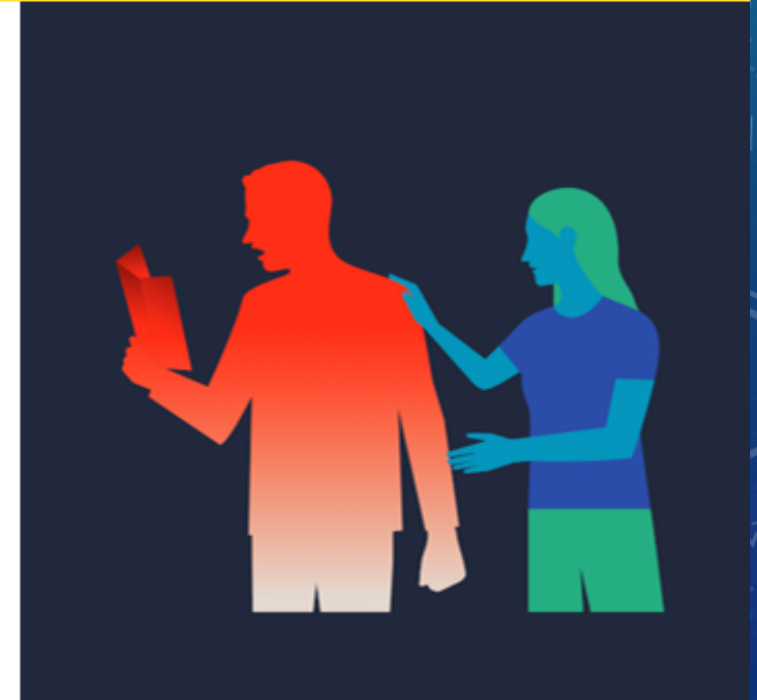
Counter-terrorism has four areas:-

Prepare Prevent Protect Pursue

What is Prevent?

Prevent is part of the government's counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST.

The purpose Prevent is at its heart to safeguard and support vulnerable people to stop them from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.



Prevent has three specific objectives

1

Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism

2

Safeguard and support those most at risk from radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support

3

Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate

Why is this relevant to you?

- **any child could be susceptible to extremist narratives**
- **there are some factors that may make some children more susceptible than others**
- **extremist groups tap into young people's insecurities and claim to offer answers and promise a sense of identity that young people often seek**
- **as part of their recruitment strategy, extremist groups also work to undermine the authority of parents and guardians**

School inspection handbook: para 343

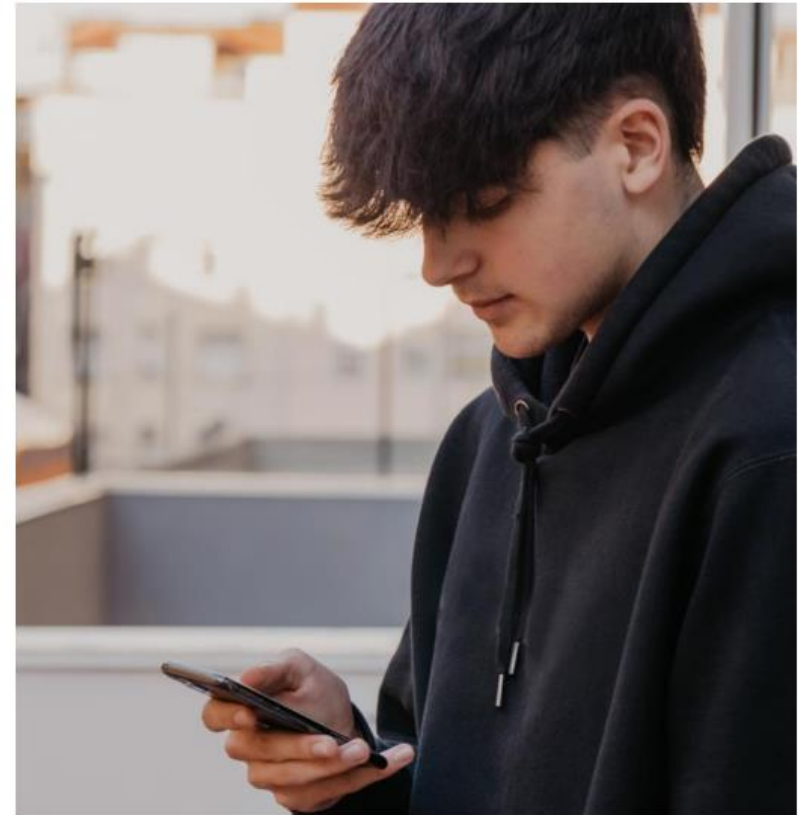
All schools should have a **culture of safeguarding**. This means they should have effective arrangements to:

- always act in the **best interests of children, pupils and students** to protect them online and offline, including when they are receiving remote education
- **identify** children, pupils and students who may need early help, and who are at risk of harm or have been harmed. This can include, but is not limited to, neglect, abuse (including by their peers), grooming or exploitation
- **secure the help** that children, pupils and students need and, if required, refer in a **timely way** to those who have the expertise to help
- **manage safe recruitment and allegations** about adults who may be a risk to children, pupils, students and vulnerable adults.



Prevent duty in schools

- To fulfil the Prevent duty, staff must be able to **identify** children who may be **vulnerable** to **radicalisation**, and know what to do when they are identified.
- Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation should be seen as part of schools' **wider safeguarding duties**.
- Schools must be able to demonstrate both an **awareness** and an **understanding** of the risk of radicalisation in their area.
- Key aspects to the school role: **protecting** children and building children's **resilience** to radicalisation.

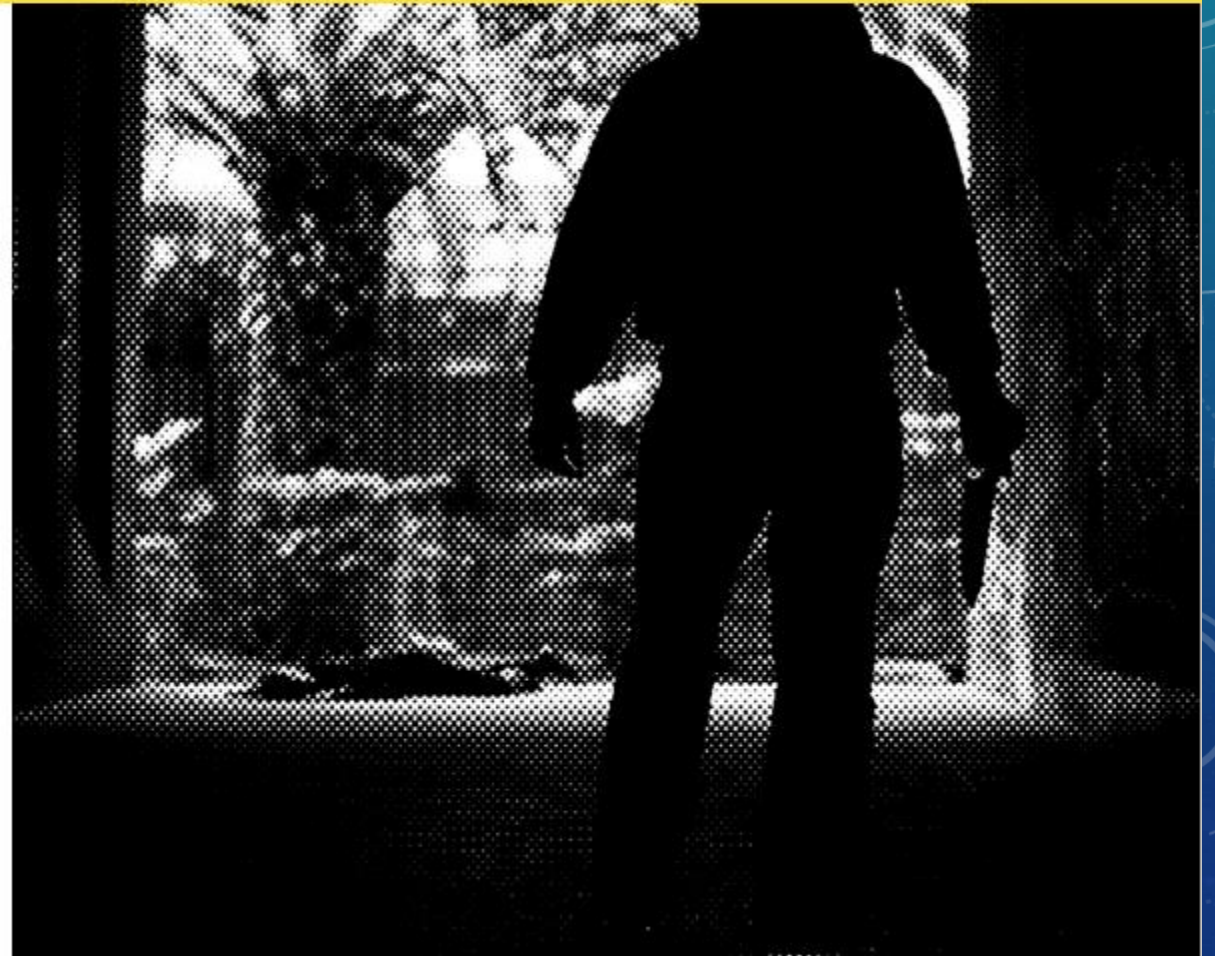


Extreme Right-Wing

This category covers sub-ideologies, including Cultural Nationalism, White Nationalism and White Supremacism. These themselves span a range of extreme beliefs such as antisemitism, anti-Islam, neo-Nazi, ethno-nationalism or anti-establishment.

Examples of Extreme Right-Wing attacks include:










- 2017 Finsbury Park Attack
- 2016 Murder of Jo Cox MP
- 2011 Norway Attacks in Oslo
- 2019 Christchurch Mosque Shooting in New Zealand



Far Right Logos & Symbols

This briefing provides an overview of common symbolism and language used by supporters of the far right wing or extreme right wing (XRW). This list is not exhaustive however provides a general overview of popular images and terms used.

Not all of the images featured are necessarily extreme right wing in their own right, but may be indicative of XRW leanings when assessed with other supporting evidence. Also included are Right Wing political parties, support of which again does not necessarily indicate extremist behaviour but may show movement towards such ideologies.

Logo	Group	Description
	Blood & Honour British Movement (B&H BM)	International neo-Nazi music network, founded and run from the UK, involved in the organisation of XRW music events and the sale and distribution of XRW material
	British Movement (BM)	Small underground XRW political movement based on the principles of National Socialism. Involved in production, sale & distribution of XRW material causing offence & raise community tensions
	British People's Party (BPP)	Small political party formed following a split within the leadership of the Nationalist in 2005. Largely defunct, with a solely online presence.
	Combat 18	Previously violent white supremacist organisation formed in 1992. Currently re-emerging after a decade of inactivity, they have re-branded their logo from a Nazi deaths head to a more patriotic white dragon
	National Front (NF)	A registered political party widely perceived to be an extreme right wing organisation. The NF will conduct street activity including marches & leafleting, often in ethnically sensitive areas.
	National Socialist Movement (NSM)	British faction of the US-based organisation (NSM88) which advocates racist & anti-Semitic ideologies, aims of creating Aryan supremacy. Small UK presence
	Racial Volunteer Force (RVF)	Pan-European neo-Nazi organisation founded in the UK in 2002. Openly racist group whose ideology is around the preservation of the white race. Against all racial integration and are particularly anti-Semitic.
	Pirates / Pirate 28	UK neo-Nazi music network which emerged in 2011 to rival B&H in the organisation of XRW music events.
	National Action	A direct action organisation aimed at raising awareness of the problems that threaten 'our nation' Actively recruiting young men & women of college and university age to free 'our people' and return ownership of 'this country' to its 'legitimate sons & daughters'. A belief that: 'Britain for the British'

			
Aryan Nations	White Power	National Alliance	Stormfront
			
Sword & Wolf's Hook	White Power	Tree of Life & Laurel Leaves	White Pride Worldwide (WPWW)
			
Seig Heil over Celtic Cross	British Union of Fascists	Iron Cross with Swastika	Nazi SA Symbol

Additional images used in tattoos

			
Ian Stuart Donaldson / ISD	Ian Stuart Donaldson	14 Words	Hitler / Various Nazi
			
Eagle & SS	R.A.C. Rock Against Communism	Erwin Rommel	No Remorse B&H Band

Numbers and the Far Right

88 = H is the 8th letter of the alphabet; H = 8 therefore 88 represents Heil Hitler

18 = As above where 1 represents A, 18 represents Adolf Hitler's initials

14 = the 14 Words - Representing the '14 words' of David Lane who said "We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children"

2083 = Title of Anders Breivik's manifesto 'European declaration of independence'

9% = The projected percentage of the world's white population by 2060

1488 = A combination of the 14 words & Heil Hitler

6 Words = Never Date Outside of Your Race

311 = K is the 11th letter of the alphabet therefore 3 x 11 = KKK = Ku Klux Klan

5 = I Have Nothing To Say (5 words)

23 = W is the 23rd letter of the alphabet, W representing 'White'

28 = Blood & Honour (Letters 2 and 8 in the alphabet)

Acronyms

Far Right groups utilise a variety of numbers and acronyms to show support for their cause, if you are not aware of these then Far Right graffiti & stickering and concerns can go unnoticed.

B&H = Blood & Honour

BM = British Movement

C18 = Combat

BNSM = British National Socialist Movement

ITP = International Third Position

KKK = Ku Klux Klan

N9S = November 9th Society

ZOG = Zionist-Occupied Government

NSM = National Socialist Movement

RVF = Racial Volunteer Force

BFG = Bound For Glory

FFF = Faith Folk Family

JOG = Jewish-Occupied Government

KIGY = Klansman, I Greet You

LOGS = League of St George

NS = National Socialist / National Socialism

ORION = Our Race Is Our Nation

RAC = Rock Against Communism

RAHOWA = Racial Holy War

WPWW = White Pride World Wide

SWP = Supreme White Power

WAR = White Aryan Resistance

Children sometimes write these on their work.

They are used on online communications

Islamist Extremism

Islamist extremist inspired acts of terrorism are perpetrated or inspired by politico-religiously motivated groups or individuals who support and use violence as a means to establish their interpretation of an Islamic society.

Examples of Islamist Extremist attacks include:

- 2001 9/11 Plane Attacks
- 2005 London Transport Bombings
- 2017 Manchester Arena Attack
- 2019 Sri Lanka Easter Bombing



Events used as propaganda by Rumiya, Inspire, Voice of Khurrsan

Left-Wing, Anarchist and Single-Issue Extremism

Also known as LASI Extremism and can include environmentalists, the extreme left-wing, or animal rights movements that advocate violence.

Extreme Left-Wing: Extremists who believe in using violence and serious criminality to abolish existing systems of Government and replacing them with anarchist, socialist or communist systems.

Anarchist Extremism: Extremists who believe in using violence to replace current systems of Government and law enforcement with a system that prioritises complete liberty and individual freedom.

Single-Issue Extremism: Extremists who endorse violence and serious criminality focused on a specific topic, such as animal rights.

What would you do if...?



What is Channel?

A voluntary, confidential programme which safeguards people identified as susceptible to being drawn into terrorism.

It is a multi-agency process involving partners from the local authority, the police, education, health providers, and others.

Channel is a support programme - **not a criminal sanction.**

A Channel referral can come from anyone who is concerned about a person they know who might be at risk of radicalisation, including family members, friends, school leaders, or colleagues.

In Walsall we have:-



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First gather evidence
 As you would for a
 Safeguarding disclosure
 As it is said, no leading
 Questions
 Report to SPOC
 Record on CPOMs
 SPOC gathers information
 and asks advice from
 Walsall Prevent Co-ordinator

PREVENT REFERRAL FORM

REFERRAL PROCESS	
By sending this form you consent for it to arrive with both your dedicated Local Authority safeguarding team & Prevent policing team for a joint assessment. Wherever possible we aim to give you feedback on your referral, please be aware, however, that this is not always possible due to data-protection & other case sensitivities.	
Once you have completed this form, please email it to: ctu_gateway@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk	
If you have any questions whilst filling in the form, please call: WMCTU Prevent Hub 0121-251-0241	
INDIVIDUAL'S BIOGRAPHICAL & CONTACT DETAILS	
Forename(s):	First Name(s)
Surname:	Last Name
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):	D.O.B.
Approx. Age (if DoB unknown):	Please Enter
Gender:	Please Describe
Known Address(es):	Identify which address is the Individual's current residence
Nationality / Citizenship:	Stated nationality / citizenship documentation (if any)
Immigration / Asylum Status:	Immigration status? Refugee status? Asylum claimant? Please describe.
Primary Language:	Does the Individual speak / understand English? What is the Individual's first language?
Contact Number(s):	Telephone Number(s)
Email Address(es):	Email Address(es)
Any Other Family Details:	Family makeup? Who lives with the Individual? Anything relevant.

DESCRIBE CONCERNS	In as much detail as possible, please describe the specific concern(s) relevant to Prevent.
Please Describe	
FOR EXAMPLE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How / why did the Individual come to your organisation's notice in this instance? Does it involve a specific event? What happened? Is it a combination of factors? Describe them. Has the Individual discussed personal travel plans to a warzone or countries with similar concerns? Where? When? How? Does the Individual have contact with groups or individuals that cause you concern? Who? Why are they concerning? How frequent is this contact? Is there something about the Individual's mobile phone, internet or social media use that is worrying to you? What exactly? How do you have access to this information? Has the Individual expressed a desire to cause physical harm, or threatened anyone with violence? Who? When? Can you remember what was said / expressed exactly? Has the Individual shown a concerning interest in hate crimes, or extremists, or terrorism? Consider any extremist ideology, group or cause, as well as support for "school-shooters" or public-massacres, or murders of public figures. Please describe any other concerns you may have that are not mentioned here. 	

COMPLEX NEEDS	Is there anything in the Individual's life that you think might be affecting their wellbeing or that might be making them vulnerable in any sense?
Please Describe	
FOR EXAMPLE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victim of crime, abuse or bullying. Work, financial or housing problems. Citizenship, asylum or immigration issues. Personal problems, emotional difficulties, relationship problems, family issues, ongoing court proceedings. On probation; any erratic, violent, self-destructive or risky behaviours, or alcohol / drug misuse or dependency. Expressed feelings of injustice or grievance involving any racial, religious or political issue, or even conspiracy theories. Educational issues, developmental or behavioural difficulties, mental ill health (see Safeguarding Considerations below). Please describe any other need or potential vulnerability you think may be present but which is not mentioned here. 	
OTHER INFORMATION	Please provide any further information you think may be relevant, e.g. social media details, military service number, other agencies or professionals working with the Individual, etc..
Please Describe	

PREVENT REFERRAL FORM

PERSON WHO FIRST IDENTIFIED THE CONCERNS	
Do they wish to remain anonymous?	Yes / No
Forename:	Referrers First Name(s)
Surname:	Referrers Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Referrers Role / Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Referrers Relationship To The Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Referrers Telephone Number
Email Address:	Referrers Email Address
PERSON MAKING THIS REFERRAL (if different from above)	
Forename:	Contact First Name(s)
Surname:	Contact Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Contact Role & Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Contact Relationship to the Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Contact Telephone Number
Email Address:	Contact Email Address
REFERRER'S ORGANISATIONAL PREVENT CONTACT (if different from above)	
Forename:	Referrers First Name(s)
Surname:	Referrers Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Referrers Role / Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Referrers Relationship To The Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Referrers Telephone Number
Email Address:	Referrers Email Address

RELEVANT DATES	
Date the concern first came to light:	When were the concerns first identified?
Date referral made to Prevent:	Date this form was completed & sent off?

SAFEGUARDING CONSIDERATIONS	
Does the Individual have any stated or diagnosed disabilities, disorders or mental health issues?	Yes / No
Please describe, stating whether the concern has been diagnosed.	
Have you discussed this Individual with your organisations Safeguarding / Prevent lead?	Yes / No
What was the result of the discussion?	
Have you informed the Individual that you are making this referral?	Yes / No
What was the response?	
Have you taken any direct action with the Individual since receiving this information?	Yes / No
What was the action & the result?	
Have you discussed your concerns around the Individual with any other agencies?	Yes / No
What was the result of the discussion?	

INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT / EDUCATION DETAILS	
Current Occupation & Employer:	Current Occupation(s) & Employer(s)
Previous Occupation(s) & Employer(s):	Previous Occupation(s) & Employer(s)
Current School / College / University:	Current Educational Establishment(s)
Previous School / College / University:	Previous Educational Establishment(s)

Did you know?

Between April 2021 and March 2022...

The most common Prevent referrals are for Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism. Of those discussed at a Channel panel, 57% go on to be adopted as a Channel case.

36% of all Prevent referrals were made by the education sector and 3% were made by friends and family of individuals

76% (4,848) of referrals were deemed not suitable for Channel consideration and exited the process prior to a Channel panel discussion; of which the majority were signposted to other support services (3,754; 77%)

Individuals aged 15 and under made up 37% of all Prevent referrals that went on to receive channel support

Laws are changing but very slowly

'Martyn's Law' is a tribute to Martyn Hett who was killed alongside 21 others in the Manchester Arena terrorist attack in 2017. The draft bill will be subject to pre-legislative scrutiny by the Home Affairs Select Committee, ahead of formal introduction. 2 May 2023

The aim of the legislation will be to enhance public protection from terrorism at venues to which the public have access by placing duties on the owners or operators of those venues in relation to security systems, staff training and other counter-terrorism mitigation measures.

Warning Signs

There is no single route to radicalisation. However, there are some behavioural traits that could indicate a child has been exposed to radicalising influences. These are listed on the next slide.

It is important to remember that this is not an exhaustive list of indicators of radicalisation and evidence of these behaviours may not necessarily indicate that a young person is being or has been radicalised. If your child is displaying any of these behaviours and you believe it is a cause for concern you should try to discuss this with your child, or seek support from one of the avenues detailed at the end of this resource.

Beginning to isolate themselves from family and friends

Refusing to listen to different points of view

Unwilling to engage with and becoming abusive towards individuals who are different

Embracing conspiracy theories

Legitimising the use of violence to defend ideology or cause

Drawing and graffitiing extremist symbols and imagery

Producing or sharing terrorist material offline or online

Being sympathetic to extremist ideologies and groups

Becoming increasingly argumentative

Being secretive and reluctant to discuss their whereabouts

Changing friends and appearance, and distancing themselves from old friends

The Online Space

With the growth of the internet, social media, gaming platforms, and chat platforms, extremist individuals and groups have taken up this opportunity to radicalise and recruit others in the online space.

It's important that you're aware of your child's online activity and digital footprint, and that you can support them in developing critical thinking skills that will allow them to build up their resilience to radicalisation and extremist content.

The next slide shows some possible indicators that a young person may have been or is being radicalised online.

Warning Signs

The Online Space

**Accessing
extremist
content
online**

**Joining or
trying to join
an extremist
group or
organisation**

**Changing
their online
identity**

**Being
sympathetic
to extremist
ideologies
and groups**

Susceptibility

Children from all kinds of backgrounds can be radicalised. The examples to the right show some factors that may make some young people more susceptible to radicalisation and extremist narratives than others.

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hate**

Feeling socially isolated

Questioning their place in society

Difficulty in understanding the consequences of their actions

Difficulty in interacting socially and lacking empathy

Experiencing racism or discrimination

Low self-esteem

Issues with family and at home

Becoming distanced from their cultural or religious background

Experiencing a traumatic event

Struggling with a sense of identity and belonging

Local picture

Walsall is the 12th
most segregated town
In England

Islamic state is still
Very active online –
intelligence shows it
is in Walsall

Police are seeing
extremism playing
out in schools

Whilst attacks have been
quiet since COVID
radicalisation is still growing



Walsall Prevent Digest

March/April 2023

Current Threat Level in the UK: SUBSTANTIAL – An Attack is Likely

West Midlands Police Counter Terrorism Unit – Synergy Event

The latest in a successful series of 'Synergy and Vulnerability to Radicalisation' Training Events was held at The Savoy Lounge, Walsall Football Club, Poundland Bescot Stadium, Walsall, on Tuesday 21 March 2023.

Again, this was a unique opportunity for professionals to further develop their knowledge around counter terrorism, learn more about terrorism offences and also, how to best safeguard the most vulnerable in our communities.

Synergy is an interactive table top exercise that follows a young individual who has been radicalised into Extreme Right Wing Ideology, the exercise is targeted towards partner agencies and organisations who are working with some of the most vulnerable people in society on an almost day to day basis.



Walsall Manor Hospital Safeguarding Team

On Tuesday 14 March 2023, Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust Adult Safeguarding Team invited me to assist with their 'All Age Exploitation day' at Manor Hospital. The team organised a stall displaying a considerable amount of exploitation resources plus a wide range of Prevent related resources. I have to say, the half-day event proved really successful and so a big thank you goes out to Joanne Leal, Laura Degville and Lauren Griffin for all their hard work on the day.

FAO – Walsall Schools

The next Walsall Schools Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Event will take place on Tuesday 23 May 2023. Invites will be sent out in the coming weeks.



Manchester Arena Inquiry

On the 2 March 2023 the final open volume of the inquiry to the 2017 Manchester Arena Terrorist attack was published. The attack prematurely ended the lives of 22 people, and fundamentally affected those of countless more, and is a stark reminder of the devastating impact terrorism can have and the importance of the work we do. Volume 3 of the report can be found [here](#).

Independent Review of Prevent



The Government have now published the **Independent Review of Prevent**. The review considers the UK's strategy for protecting people from being drawn into terrorism and makes 34 recommendations on the future direction of Prevent.

Below are some top lines from the Home Office acknowledging the report:-

The Home Office have said of the review:

- We have accepted the Independent Review's 34 recommendations and are committed to implementing them all.
- The Review's recommendations pave the way for a more transparent, efficient, and sustainable programme - from establishing independent oversight, to building on our extensive programme of communications and community engagement.
- These recommendations will also refine Prevent delivery at the operational level. We will expand our successful regionalisation pilot to ensure all local authorities are empowered to deliver Prevent, and review our intervention programmes, such as Channel, to ensure they are delivered as effectively as possible. We will also upgrade our programme of training and professionalisation, ensuring Prevent staff and partners have most comprehensive understanding of the threat and the expertise to deliver.

PC Rob James, (West Midlands Police CTU (Prevent Team)



Just to make you aware, following a restructure within West Midlands Police CTU Prevent Team, Sunny Lal has now covers another area within the wider Midland region.

Police Constable Rob James has replaced Sunny and can be contacted as below:-

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CTCO | Prevent
West Midlands CTU
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Mobile: 07393 142172



'I was radicalised by the far right aged 15'

Here you can find a **BBC news article** where a former right-wing extremist has described how he was radicalised as a 15-year-old boy in the wake of the Manchester Arena bombing.

Coronation Street's Maria Connor discovers truth over death threats



Maria Connor has discovered the truth over on-going death threats in Coronation Street. Viewers know that Maria's fellow councillor Len Cameron was secretly financing Griff's terrorist group as it targeted her in recent months, yet Cameron was able to keep his dealings with Griff confidential.

The **Digital Spy** article encourage people to visit the ACT Early website if they are concerned about someone who's expressing extremist or hateful views.

For Information, Support or Guidance around Prevent, or should you have any queries, concerns or are looking to make a referral, please do not hesitate to contact me...



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Walsall Prevent Web page

The Walsall Prevent Webpage can be located on our Safer Walsall Partnership external website. The site is live and the Prevent page can be accessed via the below link:-
www.saferwalsallpartnership.com/prevent-extremism



What does it mean for us?

How can we build pupils' resilience to extremism and teach them about fundamental British values?

Ideas for child and community cohesion



What else can we do?

Monitoring attendance – if children are not in school they are not as safe

Ensure our children can read and write well – educational success

Equipping our most vulnerable children; SEND, parents who do not think education is important, challenging points of view

Teach skills children can use socially; consent, trust, morals, right, wrong, how to say no, acceptance

Help children learn about cultural diversity; tackling discrimination in all forms

Making children and parents aware of online use, safety and dangers

From now Prevent training will be online modules – once started you have to complete each module in order or it will take you back to the start. This will need to be completed before Christmas and it will generate a code certificate which The SPOC has to submit for each person to Walsall Council



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