

Prevent Factsheet

What is Prevent?

The Prevent strategy is part of the UK Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST), based on the Counter Terrorism and Security Act of 2015. It requires public bodies, including local authorities, the police, prisons, providers of probation services, schools, colleges, and universities to act to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism, ensuring awareness of risks of terrorism.

Prevent has 3 main objectives:

- to respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism
- to support vulnerable people and prevent people from being drawn into terrorism
- to work with key sectors and institutions and address risks

It focuses on early intervention before any illegal activity takes place. The aim is to reduce the likelihood of individuals who support a violent extremist ideology of becoming terrorists. If you have a Prevent related concern and want some guidance email:

preventreferrals@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

What are the risk factors?

- Being in contact with extremist recruiters
- Articulating support for extremist causes or leaders
- Accessing extremist websites, especially those with a social networking element
- Possessing extremist literature
- Using extremist narratives and a global ideology to explain personal disadvantage
- Justifying the use of violence to solve societal issues
- Joining extremist organisations
- Significant changes to appearance and/or behaviour

Risk Assessment Tool

A presentation was given to Schools Designated Safeguarding Leads in 2016. You can access the presentation and Risk Assessment Tool provided to schools to support them in their safeguarding responsibilities in relation to this subject. The presentation can be used by, and contains useful information for, all professionals.

Please follow the link to the Indicator Tool: www.readinglscb.org.uk/information-professionals/prevent/