

1. What is Prevent?

Prevent is 1 of the 4 areas of CONTEST, the government's counter-terrorism strategy and aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The three main objectives of Prevent are: 1) Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism. 2) Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support 3) Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

2. Who is Prevent For?

Prevent initiatives tackle both the causes & risk factors that can lead someone to become radicalised, It can directly support those who are at risk through early intervention. 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 & volunteers have a good understanding of risks, are trained to recognise radicalisation and associated behaviours and how to report concerns.

3. What is Radicalisation and Extremism?

Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and in some cases then participates in terrorist activity. There is no one process or indicator of when a person might move to adopt violence in support of extremist ideas. The process is different for each individual and can take place over an extended period or a short time frame.

Extremism is defined as, vocal or active opposition to British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

7. Further Information

- [Safeguarding Children and Young People against Radicalisation and Violent Extremism - Wirral Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
- <https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/edu/screen2.html>
- [Lets Talk About It - What Is Channel? \(Itai.info\)](#)
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-if-youre-worried-about-someone-being-radicalised>
- [National Prevent Duty Guidance](#)
- [Channel Duty Guidance 2020](#)
- <https://goingtoofar.lgfl.org.uk/>



4. What to do if you have a concern?

NOTICE—CHECK—SHARE

If you notice a change in an individual, or identify concerns that lead you to suspect that they may be vulnerable to radicalisation, notify your safeguarding / child protection lead and follow your organisations policy on how to make a Prevent & 'channel' referral. Wirral has a joint referral process, send the referral to the Integrated Front Door and to Prevent@merseyside.police.uk

If there is an immediate risk of harm, call 999 straight away.

6. What does the LACC do?

The Local Authority Channel Co-ordinator works with the Police, local authority, education establishments, health and other public sector agencies to assess and co-ordinate the Channel delivery model and this includes:

* Targeted support for referred cases * Advice and Guidance * Channel and Prevent duty responsibilities * Training & Awareness. For queries contact channelreferrals@liverpool.gov.uk.

To make a referral follow Wirral's safeguarding process

5. What Happens with the referral?

Referrals are screened and if suitable for multi-agency consideration, is passed to the Channel team—the LACC. What is Channel? Channel is an voluntary, multi-agency process designed to safeguard vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremism or terrorist behaviour. Multi-agency partners collectively assess the risk to an individual, decide whether an intervention is necessary and develop an appropriate support package for each referral.

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