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Terrorism risk

The threat to British Interests in the UK from International terrorism is **SEVERE** (an attack is highly likely)

The threat to the UK mainland from Dissident Irish Republican terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL** (an attack is a strong possibility)

There is also a risk from domestic extremism, particularly extreme right wing.

CONTEST (UK Counter-terrorism Strategy)

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Aims to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from international terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence

- Pursue – to stop terrorist attacks
- Protect – to strengthen protection against terrorist attacks
- Prepare – where an attack cannot be stopped, to mitigate its impact
- Prevent – to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting extremism leading to terrorism

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Prevent

Safeguards vulnerable individuals from involvement in violent extremism

Challenges the ideologies used by extremists

Works across sectors (e.g. education, health, internet) where there are concerns about radicalisation

The Prevent Duty

Introduced by the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Requires specified authorities “in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

Local authorities, schools and childcare providers are among the specified authorities.

Delivering the Duty includes: working in partnership; risk assessment; staff training; preventing misuse of public resources by extremists e.g. use of venues, protocols around use of IT

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Myth busting

Prevent deals with all forms of extremism. It is not about preventing peaceful protest or discouraging debate

Channel is about safeguarding. It is led by the Council, not the police. It aims to prevent people committing criminal offences. Referrals do not result in a criminal record. Participation in interventions is voluntary.

Making a referral

Channel works in the same way as other safeguarding processes. Referrals are made through the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH).

The MASH can be contacted at: tel: 0161 770 7777 or e-mail: child.mash@oldham.gov.uk or adult.mash@oldham.gov.uk

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Channel

Channel is the safeguarding process for children, young people and adults at risk of being drawn into terrorism or extremism leading to terrorism

Practitioners are encouraged to:

- NOTICE concerns
- CHECK them out
- SHARE them through a referral, if appropriate

Channel is pre-criminal. Support is tailored to individual needs based on a vulnerability assessment.

Prevent



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