

1 BACKGROUND

The UK Government's overarching counter - terrorism strategy is 'CONTEST'. The aim of CONTEST is to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence."

Contest is split into four work streams:

1. Pursue: to stop terrorist attacks through investigation, detection and disruption

2. Prevent: to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism

3. Protect: to strengthen against terrorist attack, focusing on border security, the transport system, national infrastructure and public places

4. Prepare: to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack where that attack cannot be stopped

7 SUPPORT & TRAINING

For information about this briefing, and to discuss any concerns or how to make a referral. Please contact your local Prevent team at

Prevent training may be available from your local authority. Contact your Prevent lead for more details. See overleaf for more details

The [National Prevent e-learning](#) is free and available online

6 WHAT TO DO

If you identify any concerns, vulnerabilities or a susceptibility associated with extremism and radicalisation:

- Verify your concerns by talking to the individual(s), your colleagues, the person making the referral (**Notice, Check, Share.**)
- Use your professional judgement and existing safeguarding policies and practices

If you are still concerned complete and submit a [Prevent Referral Form](#). (See overleaf for where to send your referral form).

2 WHY PREVENT MATTERS

The current terrorism threat level in the UK is set by [Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre \(JTAC\)](#). This level is reviewed regularly and changed to reflect the current national threat.

As an integral part of CONTEST, is the [Prevent Strategy](#) which aims to stop people either from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It does this by:

- **Tackling causes of radicalisation** – working online and offline to empower communities and individuals
- **Early Intervention** – Safeguarding and supporting those most at risk of radicalisation ([CHANNEL Duty](#))
- **Rehabilitation** – Providing support to those already engaged to disengage and rehabilitate



3 PREVENT DUTY

Disrupting terrorist activity, preventing radicalisation and supporting those vulnerable to becoming involved in violent extremism is a shared responsibility under the [Prevent Duty](#). The statutory obligation to actively participate in Prevent is placed on:

- The local authority
- Schools and registered childcare providers
- Publicly funded further education colleges
- Higher education institutions
- The health sector
- Police
- Prisons and probation

4 DEFINITIONS

The Prevent Duty Training provides the following definitions:

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

What is Terrorism? Terrorism is an action that endangers or causes serious violence to people, serious damage to property or seriously interferes or disrupts an electronic system. The use or threat must be designed to influence the government or to intimidate the public and is for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause.

What is Radicalisation? Radicalisation is process by which people come to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism.

5 CHANNEL

[Channel](#) is a multi-agency safeguarding process, which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being susceptible to being drawn into terrorism. Channel uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people by:

- Identifying individuals at risk
- Assessing the nature and extent of that risk
- Developing the most appropriate support plan for the individuals

Local Authority Prevent Web Pages

- [UK Government-Home Office](#)
- [Bolton](#)
- [Bury](#)
- [Manchester](#)
- [Oldham](#)
- [Rochdale](#)
- [Salford](#)
- [Stockport](#)
- [Tameside](#)
- [Trafford](#)
- [Wigan](#)

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Prevent Referral Details

Send your completed Prevent referral to:
Counter Terrorist Police Northwest (CTPNW)

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AND

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- **Manchester:**
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- **Oldham:**
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