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Terrorism risk

The threat to the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) is **SUBSTANTIAL** (an attack is likely)

In the UK, the primary domestic terrorist threat comes from Islamist terrorism. The remainder of the domestic terrorist threat is driven almost exclusively by Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism (ERWT). Left Wing, Anarchist and Single Issue Terrorism (LASIT) represents a significantly smaller terrorist threat to the UK.

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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 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 online referral form available on the Channel and Prevent page on the Council's website.

It is recommended that advice be sought from the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub or GMP Channel lead for Oldham (see below) prior to submitting a referral.

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For further information:

Oldham Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) – 0161 770 7777
GMP Channel lead for Oldham – PC David Bull 0161 856 6345 david.bull1@gmp.police.uk

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CONTEST (UK Counter-terrorism Strategy)

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

Prevent aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism by:

- tackling the ideological causes of terrorism;
- intervening early to support people susceptible to radicalisation;
- enabling people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate

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, NHS Trusts FE/HE 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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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.