

## 7 MINUTE BRIEFING

### PREVENT



### KNOWSLEY SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

PREVENTION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP



### 7. Myth Buster

- 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

### 1. Terrorism / Extremism / Radicalisation

**Terrorism** - Action intending to cause serious violence to an individual/group, serious damage to property or serious disruption to electronic systems

A terrorist threat could be faith based, left-wing or right-wing terrorism or white supremacy groups

**Extremism** - opposition to fundamental values of democracy, law, liberty, respect, tolerance for different faiths and beliefs

**Radicalisation** – the process by which individuals come to support terrorism and extremism

### 6. CHANNEL

When a Prevent Referral is received it is screened by police. If suitable for multi-agency consideration, it is passed to the local authority Channel team.

Channel forms a key part of Prevent. Channel is a voluntary, multi-agency process to safeguard adults and children from being drawn into violent extremism or terrorist behaviour. **Channel Panel** is chaired by the local authority to consider Prevent referrals.

Channel is pre-criminal. It provides support tailored to individual needs based on a vulnerability assessment. It aims to divert the person before illegal activity occurs Channel Duty Guidance 2020

### 2. CONTEST (UK Counter Terrorism Strategy)

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

**Prevent** - to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism

**Pursue** - to stop terrorist attacks

**Protect** - to strengthen protection against a terrorist attack

**Prepare** - to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

### 5. How to refer?

Complete the Prevent Referral Form which can be found here:

#### Prevent Referral Form

To discuss a concern, contact the Multi-agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Tel: 0151 443 2600

Unlike mainstream safeguarding for adults/children there is NO threshold to make a Prevent referral for an individual to access specialist support.

**All concerns MUST be reported**

### 4. Prevent Duty

#### Counterterrorism & 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'*

Specified authorities include police, local authorities, schools, health and social care providers, probation  
Delivering Prevent requires partnership working, risk assessment, staff training

**All staff and volunteers must recognise and report any behaviours indicating violent extremism and/or radicalisation**

### 3. Prevent

Prevent is grounded in early intervention and safeguarding to support and divert individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism

Challenges the ideologies used by extremists

Works across sectors (e.g., education, health, social care, police, probation) to identify and support people who may be at risk

**Prevent e-learning:**

<http://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk>