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PREVENT POLICY

1. Introduction

The Prevent strategy was published by the Government in 2011 and is part of the overall counter-terrorism strategy, called CONTEST. The Prevent strategy aims to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The focus of Prevent is to work with people vulnerable to exploitation in the ‘pre-criminal space’, those who are not criminals but are susceptible to radicalisation.

The Prevent strategy has three specific strategic objectives:

- 1) Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
- 2) Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and
- 3) Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

Preventing someone from becoming a terrorist or supporting terrorism is no different from safeguarding vulnerable individuals from other forms of exploitation. Therefore, this policy sits alongside the Authority’s Safeguarding Adult and Children Policy.

Terrorism (the unlawful use of violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims), can take the form of individuals preparing and committing violent acts alone, although they may be influenced or motivated by the ideology and beliefs of an external group and may act in support of such a group.

2. Policy Statement


The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act (2015) contains powers to help the UK respond to the threat of terrorism. The Act will dispute the ability of people to travel abroad to engage in terrorism activity and then return to the UK. It enhanced the operation of agencies to have the ability to monitor and control the actions of those who pose a threat. It also compacts the ideologies that feed, support, and sanction terrorism.

The Counter-terrorism and Border Security Act (2019)

[Counterterrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2019/22/contents)

The Act places a duty on certain bodies, including the Local Authorities that have significant interaction with people, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. It updates terrorism offences for the digital age and reflects contemporary patterns of radicalisation. It

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disrupts terrorism by enabling the police to intervene at an early stage in investigations. It ensures that sentences properly reflect the seriousness of terrorism offences and strengthens the ability of the police to manage offenders after their release. It strengthens the country’s defences at the border against hostile state activity. This policy builds on existing safeguarding policies and procedures which are already in place and describes how Fylde Borough Council will implement the Prevent agenda.

3. Duties and Responsibilities

The Prevent element of CONTEST is the responsibility of all staff within the council. All staff have a responsibility and a duty to safeguard customers and to contribute to the safety and well-being of their colleagues.

The Chief Executive has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that there are guidance and procedures in place and complied with to protect vulnerable people under the Prevent Strategy (2011).

Heads of Service and managers are responsible for ensuring that all staff in their department complete the mandatory Prevent training package on ipool .

Designated Lead for Prevent Agenda is responsible for:

- The development of Prevent guidance, processes, and structures
- Attending and contributing to local and regional Prevent Panel Meetings
- Ensure systems are in place to give support and guidance to staff who raise “Prevent” concerns
- Provide support to staff in the escalation of a Prevent concern and help to refer (if appropriate)
- Report annually on Prevent activity within the Authority to Chief Executive
- Ensuring staff have received Prevent training which is appropriate to their role.
- Maintain Prevent training

4. Prevent & Channel Referral Process

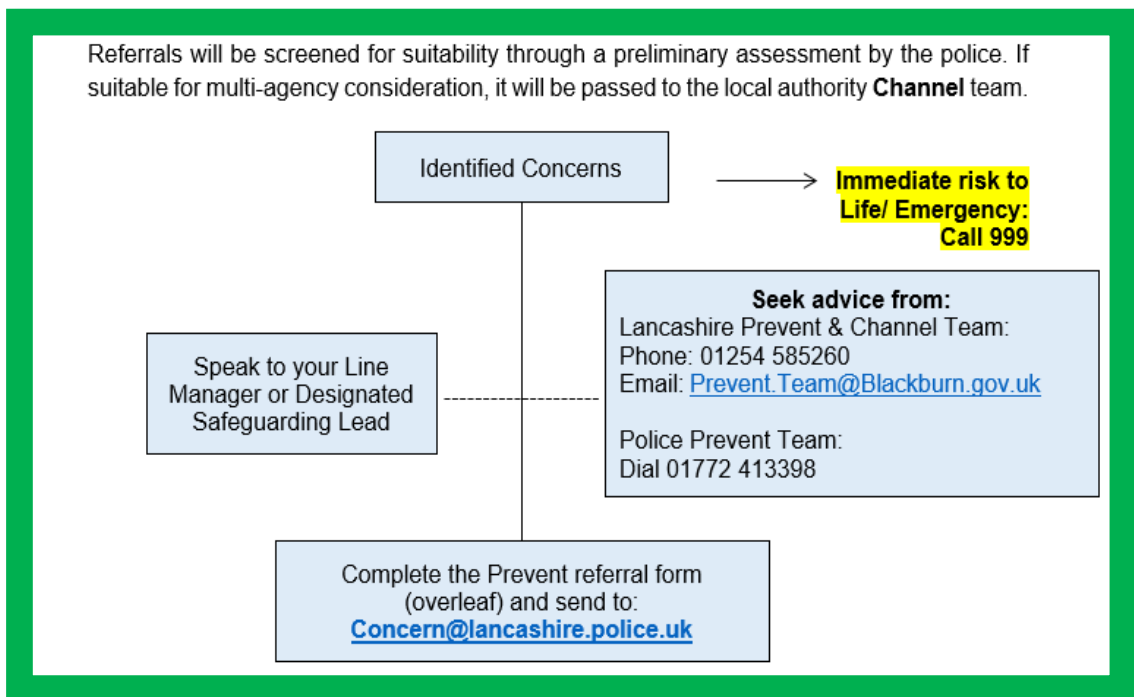
Prevent is one of the elements of CONTEST, the UK government’s counter-terrorism strategy and aims to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Preventing initiatives tackle both the causes and risk factors that can lead someone to become radicalised. It directly supports those who are at risk through early intervention, is resourced to risk and addresses **all forms of terrorism and extremism**. 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.

Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and in some cases may then participate in terrorist activity. There is no single 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.

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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. It also includes calls for the death of members of the armed forces here or abroad.


- If you **notice** a change in an individual that concerns you, in that they may be vulnerable to radicalisation, follow this safeguarding policy/ Prevent & Channel referral process.
- **Check** your concern with a manager or designated safeguarding lead and contact the Prevent team for advice.
- **Share** the concern with the police by completing the Prevent referral form (below)



Prevent & Channel Referral Process Form

You can complete the online version <https://forms.microsoft.com/e/EgfWe1byrD> or complete the below paper version and email to stephen.benson@fylde.gov.uk

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PERSON WHO FIRST IDENTIFIED THE CONCERNS

Do they wish to remain anonymous?	Yes / No
Forename:	Referrers First Name(s)
Surname:	Referrers Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Referrers Role / Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	'
Contact Telephone Number:	Referrers Telephone Number
Email Address:	Referrers Email Address


PERSON MAKING THIS REFERRAL (if different from above)

Forename:	Contact First Name(s)
Surname:	Contact Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Contact Role & Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Contact Relationship to the Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Contact Telephone Number
Email Address:	Contact Email Address

REFERRER'S ORGANISATIONAL PREVENT CONTACT (if different from above)

Forename:	Referrers First Name(s)
Surname:	Referrers Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Referrers Role / Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	'
Contact Telephone Number:	Referrers Telephone Number
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RELEVANT DATES	
Date the concern first came to light:	When were the concerns first identified?
Date referral made to Prevent:	Date this form was completed & sent off?

SAFEGUARDING CONSIDERATIONS	
Does the Individual have any stated or diagnosed disabilities, disorders or mental health issues?	Yes / No
Please describe, stating whether the concern has been diagnosed.	
Have you discussed this Individual with your organisation's Safeguarding / Prevent lead?	Yes / No
What was the result of the discussion?	
Have you informed the Individual that you are making this referral?	Yes / No
What was the response?	
Have you taken any direct action with the Individual since receiving this information?	Yes / No
What was the action & the result?	
Have you discussed your concerns about the Individual with any other agencies?	Yes / No
What was the result of the discussion?	

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INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT / EDUCATION DETAILS

Current Occupation & Employer:	Current Occupation(s) & Employer(s)
Previous Occupation(s) & Employer(s):	Previous Occupation(s) & Employer(s)
Current School / College / University:	Current Educational Establishment(s)
Previous School / College / University:	Previous Educational Establishment(s)

REFERRAL PROCESS

By sending this form you consent for it to arrive with both your dedicated Local Authority safeguarding team & Prevent policing team for a joint assessment. Wherever possible we aim to give you feedback on your referral, please be aware, however, that this is not always possible due to data protection & other case sensitivities.


Once you have completed this form, please email it to: concern@lancashire.police.uk

**If you have any questions whilst filling in the form, please call:
The Police Prevent Team / Local Authority Team / Organisation Prevent lead – contact details are at the end of the form**

INDIVIDUAL'S BIOGRAPHICAL & CONTACT DETAILS


Forename(s):	First Name(s)
Surname:	Last Name
Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):	D.O.B.
Approx. Age (if DoB unknown):	Please Enter
Gender:	Please Describe
Known Address(es):	Identify which address is the Individual's current residence
Nationality / Citizenship:	Stated nationality / citizenship documentation (if any)
Immigration / Asylum Status:	Immigration status? Refugee status? Asylum claimant? Please describe.
Primary Language:	Does the Individual speak / understand English? What is the Individual's first language?

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Contact Number(s):	Telephone Number(s)
Email Address(es):	Email Address(es)
Any Other Family Details:	Family makeup? Who lives with the Individual? Anything relevant.
DESCRIBE CONCERNS	
	In as much detail as possible, please describe the specific concern(s) relevant to Prevent.
Please Describe	
<p>FOR EXAMPLE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How / why did the Individual come to your organisation’s notice in this instance?</i> • <i>Does it involve a specific event? What happened? Is it a combination of factors? Describe them.</i> • <i>Has the Individual discussed personal travel plans to a warzone or countries with similar concerns? Where? When? How?</i> • <i>Does the Individual have contact with groups or individuals that cause you concern? Who? Why are they concerned? How frequent is this contact?</i> • <i>Is there something about the Individual’s mobile phone, internet or social media use that is worrying to you? What exactly? How do you have access to this information?</i> • <i>Has the Individual expressed a desire to cause physical harm, or threatened anyone with violence? Who? When? Can you remember what was said/expressed exactly?</i> • <i>Has the Individual shown a concerning interest in hate crimes, extremists, or terrorism? Consider any extremist ideology, group or cause, as well as support for “school shooters” or public-massacres, or murders of public figures.</i> • <i>Please describe any other concerns you may have that are not mentioned here.</i> 	
COMPLEX NEEDS	Is there anything in the Individual’s life that you think might be affecting their well-being or that might be making them vulnerable in any sense?
Please Describe	

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FOR EXAMPLE:


- *Victim of crime, abuse or bullying.*
- *Work, financial or housing problems.*
- *Citizenship, asylum or immigration issues.*
- *Personal problems, emotional difficulties, relationship problems, family issues, and ongoing court proceedings.*
- *On probation; any erratic, violent, self-destructive or risky behaviours, or alcohol/drug misuse or dependency.*
- *Expressed feelings of injustice or grievance involving any racial, religious or political issue, or even conspiracy theories.*
- *Educational issues, developmental or behavioural difficulties, mental ill health (see Safeguarding Considerations below).*
- *Please describe any other need or potential vulnerability you think may be present but which is not mentioned here.*

OTHER INFORMATION

Please provide any further information you think may be relevant, e.g. social media details, military service number, other agencies or professionals working with the Individual, etc.

Please Describe

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A concern that an individual may be vulnerable to radicalisation does not mean that the person raising concerns believes the person is a terrorist. It means that they have concerns that the person is potentially vulnerable to exploitation by others, and therefore have a safeguarding concern.

If the referral progresses and it is assessed that there is a genuine risk of radicalisation, the case is considered by a multi-agency '**Channel Panel**' of professionals who collectively assess the case and decide on a tailored package of support that can be offered to the person.

The Channel panel is chaired by the local authority (LCC) and can include a variety of partners such as the police, children's services, social services, education professionals and mental health care professionals.

5. Information sharing and record keeping

- ✓ Effective information sharing is key to the delivery of the Prevent strategy so that partners
- ✓ can take appropriate action. This will sometimes require the sharing of personal
- ✓ information following the usual safeguarding information-sharing protocols
- ✓ Partners may consider sharing personal information with each other for Prevent purposes,
- ✓ subject to a case-by-case basis assessment which considers whether the informed consent
- ✓ of the individual can be obtained and the proposed sharing being necessary, proportionate
- ✓ and lawful.


The Police-led Partnership Panel concerns the management of individuals, groups, or institutions that are not suitable for Channel, but which have identified Prevent-relevant issues, where the support or risk mitigation is best achieved through a multi-agency response. The Panel will be held monthly.

Link to the Lancashire Prevent Partnership website that will be replacing LCC's Prevent for Schools.

The website is suitable for all sectors involved with prevention.

<https://www.lancashirepreventpartnership.org.uk/>

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6. Contacts List:

Organisation Safeguarding / Prevent Lead:

Name – Stephen Benson

Job Title - Corporate Emergency Planning and Risk Management Officer

Tel: 01253 658658

Email: Stephen.benson@fylde.gov.uk

Website Info: <https://new.fylde.gov.uk/council/community-safety/prevent-delivery-checklist/>

Local Authority Prevent and Channel Team:

Tel: 01254 585 260

Email: Prevent.Team@BLACKBURN.GOV.UK

Police Prevent Team:

Tel: 01772 413398

Below is a useful link to several partner agencies that can provide support and additional information on the Prevent Strand.

www.lancashirepreventpartnership.org.uk/portfolio-item/useful-links

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