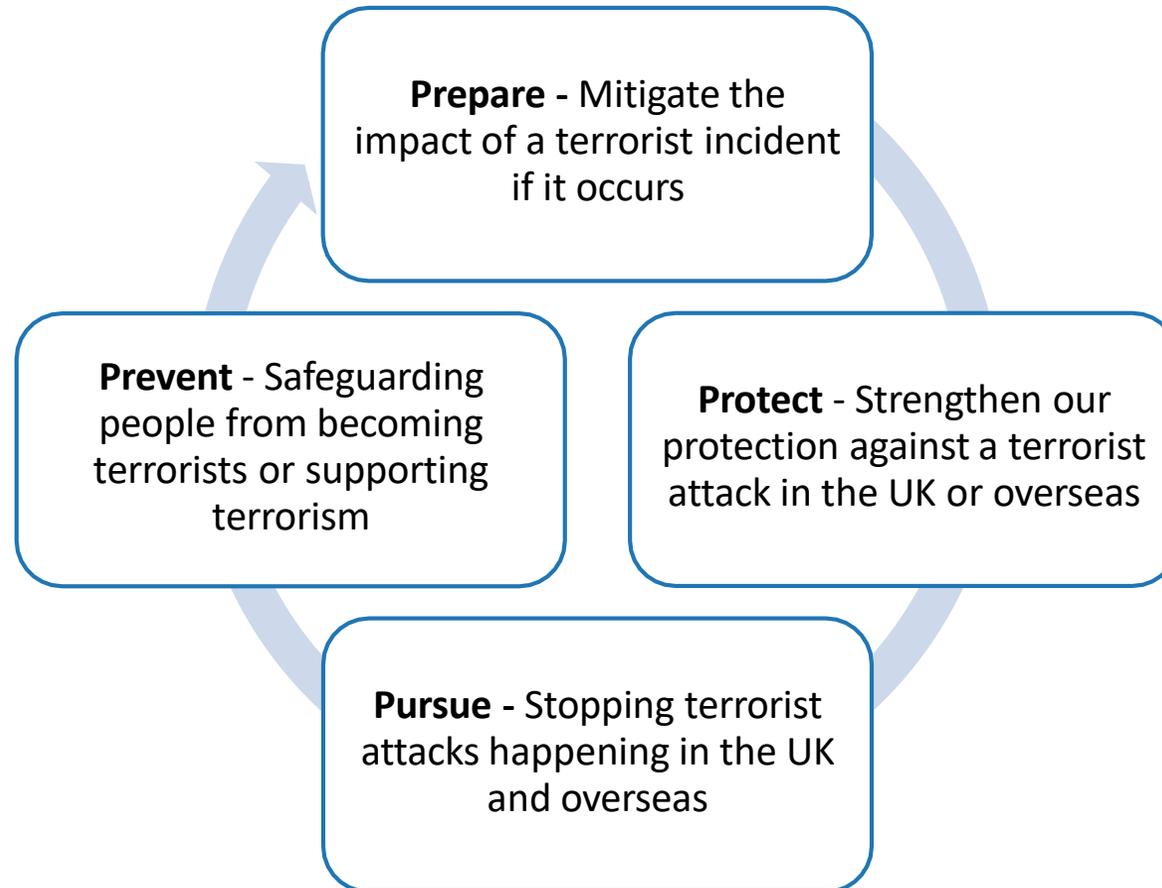


Prevent and Channel Overview

National Counter Terrorism Strategy

Contest



What is Prevent?

The Prevent Duty in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 seeks to safeguard and support those vulnerable to radicalisation.

The Prevent strategy has three objectives:

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

What is Channel?

[Lets Talk About It - What Is Channel? \(Itai.info\)](#)

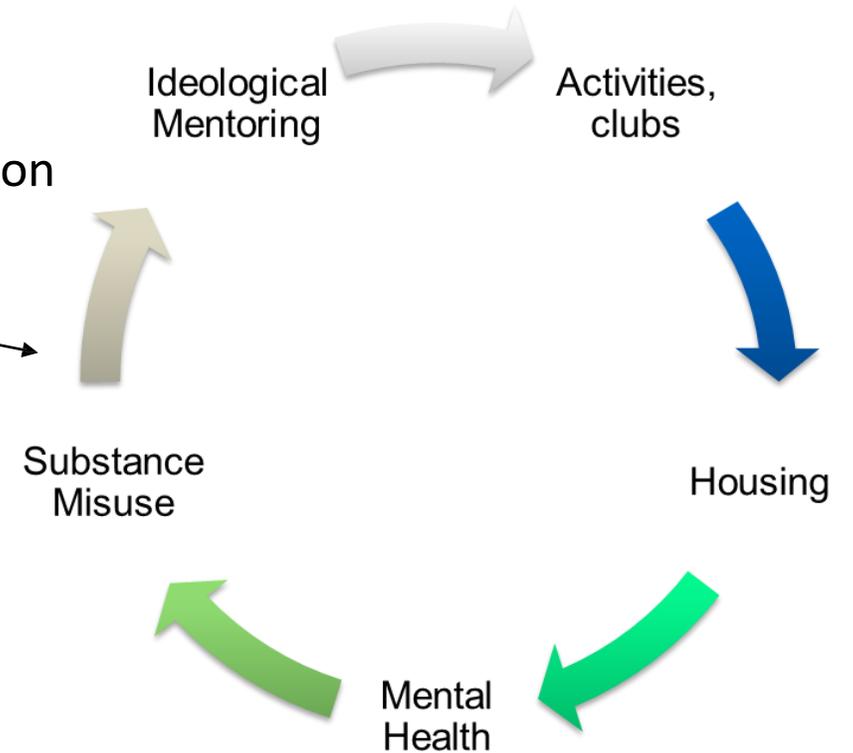
What is Channel?

Multi-agency panel of relevant professionals that:

- Assesses engagement, capability and intent
- Provides support to people identified as vulnerable to radicalisation
- Tailors support to the individuals needs.

Key Points

- It requires consent to engage with interventions
- It is confidential
- It does not criminalise people



Prevent Referral Process

Concern identified and discussed with safeguarding or Prevent lead

Concern referred to local Prevent team at PreventReferrals@wiltshire.police.uk

Police intelligence gather information, assess risk and whether the individual is suitable for Channel.
(If there are safeguarding concerns but no relevance to counter terrorism they will be referred to MASH team.)

If Counter Terrorism Policing South West deem the individual suitable to receive Channel support, they will refer to the local authority chaired Channel Panel.

Local authority co-ordination of professionals appropriate to the individual

Panel meets to assess risk and determine whether individuals is adopted into Channel. If adopted, panel will seek consent to engage and develop a support programme based on their needs. Panel will meet on a monthly basis to assess progress and amend support as required.

If there are additional safeguarding concerns please refer to relevant MASH team.

How might I identify vulnerability to/signs of radicalisation?

Key Points:

- There isn't a single profile of radicalisation.
- It is unlikely to be just one factor but a combination, understanding context is part of the Channel process in assessing level of risk.
- Radicalisation can occur regardless of age, gender, lifestyle, beliefs or religion.

Possession of extreme materials or symbols e.g. swastikas	'Them' and 'Us' thinking
Change in language to include racist, offensive words	Isolation from family / friendship group
Talking about / planning violent action	Watching, sharing, or creating films online linked to religious, political, or racial hate
Feelings of grievance or injustice	Being at a transitional time of life or personal crisis
Need for identity, status or a sense of belonging	Family or friends holding or being involved with extremist ideas
Desire for political, social or moral change	Being influenced or controlled by a group

Key Contact Details

If you would like to seek advice:

- Contact the Prevent team at PreventReferrals@wiltshire.police.uk or **01278 647466**
- Call **101**
- Call the national Prevent advice line on 0800 011 3764 (open 9.00am – 5.00pm everyday)

To make a referral please email the Prevent team at:

- PreventReferrals@wiltshire.police.uk

If you would like further advice please contact:

- Preventboard@swindon.gov.uk

Useful Resources

Web pages:

- [Swindon Borough Council Prevent Page](#)

(Please note new telephone contact number **01278 647466** as web page is being updated)

- [Let's Talk About It - Working Together to Prevent Terrorism](#)
- [Action Counters Terrorism](#)
- [Educate Against Hate](#)
- [ACT Early](#) – useful for families and communities

Home Office E-learning

- [Prevent awareness eLearning](#)
- [Prevent Referrals](#)
- [Channel Awareness](#)

Useful Resources

Useful Links and Guides :

- [Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/22)
- [Counter-terrorism strategy \(CONTEST\) 2018 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/strategies/counter-terrorism-strategy-2018)
- [Revised Prevent duty guidance: for England and Wales - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales)
- [Prevent duty toolkit for local authorities and partner agencies - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/toolkits/prevent-duty-toolkit-for-local-authorities-and-partner-agencies)

Useful Resources

Documents and Web Links

- [Promoting fundamental British values through SMSC - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)
- [Prevent duty for schools and childcare providers \(2015\)](#)
- [PREVENT - Swindon Safeguarding Partnership](#)