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Welcome to a round-up of news from Safe in Warwickshire, Prevent. For more information about Prevent, visit our website www.safeinwarwickshire.com/

Local Context:

In Warwickshire, authorities and communities are working together to deliver the Government's Prevent Strategy. Prevent provides support and re-direction to vulnerable individuals at risk of being groomed into terrorist activities before any crimes are committed. Prevent is striving to be successful in eliminating the threat from violent extremism, build trust in Warwickshire's communities, work in partnership with them and empower those at risk to make positive life choices.

Prevent is working to reduce **ALL** types of extremism.

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The Warwickshire Prevent Action Plan

Following a review during 2019, an updated local Prevent Action Plan was agreed by partners. Through this Plan, six overall priorities for the partnership were agreed, these are outlined below.

WARWICKSHIRE PREVENT PRIORITIES:

1. **Community and voluntary sector engagement:** To prevent and challenge extremist narrative and behaviour from within communities themselves.
2. **Leadership, governance and accountability:** To ensure strong, co-ordinated community and partnership action which is accountable to the local community.
3. **Awareness, learning and development:** Across all sectors, public, private, community and voluntary.
4. **Safe Education:** In early years, schools, colleges and universities.
5. **Support:** Establish appropriate support for those identified as vulnerable and their families.

The Plan is supported by a range of actions which are to be undertaken across the partnership and include:-

- Ensuring that we provide effective training to raise awareness of Prevent.
- Take action to support vulnerable individuals at risk of radicalisation.
- Engage with voluntary, faith and community sectors on the issues of extremism.

A full breakdown of the Action Plan is available on the Safe in Warwickshire

How you can contribute:

If you have any ideas as to what should be included in the Action Plan, or projects that you are undertaking that could be featured, then please contact us - see contact details below.

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PREVENT TRAINING IN WARWICKSHIRE 2020/21

FACE TO FACE COURSES

A refreshed programme of Prevent training events have been developed for 2020/21, including an updated course that provides the latest information on Prevent as well as recently launched e-learning products.

The three main local Face to Face training courses are:-

Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent - This Home Office approved course takes around 1hr 30 minutes and provides an introduction to Prevent, discussing the issues of vulnerability to radicalisation, the risk and how to access support.

Prevent Update Training (Revised)

The Prevent Duty was established in 2015 and since that time many people have attended the Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent. However the changing nature of the threat and risk associated with Violent extremism means that we need to refresh our understanding of how vulnerable individuals can be radicalised and how we can work together to challenge this. A new training course has been prepared for this purpose, and covers:-

- A brief overview of the Prevent Duty
- The current priorities and risks in Warwickshire
- The signs and symbols associated with extremism
- The impact of online grooming
- The support that's available and how to access it

The training takes 1hr 30mins and is a practical guide to the Prevent Duty highly suitable for those staff that have attended WRAP previously and need a refresh as well as those who are new to Prevent.

Prevent Online Grooming

This course option provides a guide to how social media and gaming can be used to groom vulnerable individuals, not just through radicalisation, but other forms of potential harm. Content includes the impact of different social media apps, the Dark Web and gaming as well as guides to help keep safe online.

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TRAINING DATES FOR 2020/21:

GEN NS518: WORKSHOP TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PREVENT

Date	Location	Time
24 th April 2020	Leamington Spa Pound Lane	10am – 12pm
2nd July 2020	Warwick, Northgate House, Room 5	10am – 12pm
17 th September 2020	Leek Wotton, Police HQ	10am – 12pm
12 th November 2020	Nuneaton, CHESS Centre	10am – 12pm
14 th January 2021	Warwick, Saltisford Building 1 Conference Room 1	10am – 12pm
11 th March 2021	Rugby, Benn Partnership	10am – 12pm

This course is ideal for those looking for an introduction to Prevent and provides awareness of what may make someone vulnerable to radicalisation; the signs and behaviours linked to radicalisation and the support available to safeguard individuals.

GEN NS554: PREVENT UPDATE TRAINING (REVISED)

Date	Location	Time
21st May 2020	Nuneaton, CHESS Centre	10am – 12pm
25th June 2020	Warwick, Saltisford Building 1 Conference Room 1	10am – 12pm
6th August 2020	Stratford Upon Avon, Tyler House	10am – 12pm
16th October 2020	Rugby, Benn Partnership	10am – 12pm
10th December 2020	Warwick, Northgate House, Room 4	10am – 12pm
11th February 2021	Mancetter Memorial Hall	10am – 12pm
25th March 2021	Warwick, Northgate House, Room 4	10am – 12pm

This course builds on the Workshop to raise awareness of Prevent and provides an update on local issues of threat and risk from extremist groups, the signs and symbols of far-right groups as well as the impact of the internet. Information on how to make an effective Prevent referral is also given.

GEN NS519: TRAIN THE TRAINER

Date	Location	Time
14th May 2020	Leamington Spa, Pound Lane	2.00pm - 4.30pm
16th September 2020	Warwick, Northgate House, Room 4	9.30am - 12.30pm
27th January 2021	Warwick, Northgate House, Room 4	9.30am - 12.30pm

For those staff who need to have an extended introduction to Prevent and be able to deliver this within their own organisation.

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PREVENT E-LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There two new Prevent e-learning products now available: A dedicated referral awareness eLearning package, and a package that explains in depth the Channel process to support the online awareness tool.

Prevent Referrals

The training is for anyone who has been through the Prevent awareness eLearning or a Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP), and so already has an understanding of Prevent and of their role in safeguarding vulnerable people.

It is aimed at anyone who may be in a position to notice signs of vulnerability to radicalisation and aims to give them confidence in referring on for help if appropriate. It is also designed for those (for example line managers) who may receive these referrals and have to consider how to respond, whether that be establishing more context, or reaching out to partner agencies for support. A link to the training is below.

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/preventreferrals>

Channel Awareness

This training package is for anyone who may be asked to contribute to, sit on, or even run a Channel Panel. It is aimed at all levels, from a professional asked to input and attend for the first time, to a member of staff new to their role and organising a panel meeting. It covers both an introduction to what Channel is, how it operates in the user's region, and how to organise a Channel Panel for the first time. In response to feedback, it also covers information sharing, including how, when and with whom to share information of a Channel case. A link to the Channel Panel training is below.

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/channelawareness>

Prevent awareness eLearning

The Prevent awareness eLearning has also been recently been refreshed. This includes updates to reflect the recommendations from the Parsons Green review, updated information following the change in threat and attacks of 2017, and new case studies. A link to the training is below.

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

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Latest Channel Panel Information

In December 2019, the latest numbers regarding the referrals into Prevent were published.

This covered 2018/19, and the key headlines were

Prevent Referrals

- A total of 5,738 individuals were referred to Prevent, a decrease of 22% on last year. This is the lowest number for referrals over a year since comparable data has been available (year ending March 2016).
- The majority of individuals referred were aged under 20 years old (58%) and male (87%).
- The largest proportion of individuals referred were from the North East of England (17%), followed by London (16%).
- 77% of referrals (4,407) were assessed as not suitable for Channel. Most of these referrals were subsequently signposted to other services for other types of support (64%).
- 38% of referrals concerned individuals with a mixed, unstable or unclear ideology, followed by referrals for right-wing (24%) and Islamist radicalisation (24%).

Channel Cases

- 10% of referrals to Prevent (561) were adopted as Channel cases, an increase of 48% on last year (378), and the highest recorded since comparable data has been available.
- For the first time, there were more Channel cases for concerns related to right-wing radicalisation (45%) compared with Islamist radicalisation (37%).

It should be noted that while the number of referrals is the lowest since comparable data has been available, the number of individuals adopted as a Channel case increased by 48%, making it the highest recorded number of adopted Channel cases since data has been available. In 2017/18 1/20 Prevent referrals became a Channel case. In 2018/19 this rose to 1/10. Furthermore, the number of referrals that received no further action also fell, suggesting the quality of referrals has improved

The full report is available [here](#)

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Channel Panel Update

Channel is part of the Prevent strategy. The process is a multi-agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism. All localities are statutorily required to establish a suitable Channel Panel, including the full range of safeguarding organisations that can bring resources and insight together to help support vulnerable individuals. The work of the Channel Panel is largely guided by the framework established in the national Channel Panel guidance document, this is publicly available and can be found [here](#)

Over the last six months, the Government have been reviewing the scope of the guidance in the light of the experience since the establishment of the Prevent Duty in 2015. Warwickshire County Council along with other authorities have contributed to this review and it is expected that updated guidance will be produced in Spring 2020. As this information becomes available, we will be keeping local partners informed.

In preparation for this refresh of the national Channel Panel guidance, the local Panel for Warwickshire has been reviewing its operation and membership.

Included in this work has been:-

- A whole Channel Panel Hydra training exercise - this was an immersive full day training event organised by the Home Office and delivered at the Police Ryton training college.
- Conducting a Self-Assessment - using a Home Office evaluation tool, the Panel conducted a local self-assessment of its operation, and an action plan developed as a result.

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Making a Prevent Referral:

A new national Prevent referral form is available from the Safe in Warwickshire Prevent [website](#). When considering if a Prevent referral for a potentially vulnerable individual should be made, remember this is early action that might safeguard someone potentially from being drawn into a criminal or harmful experience. The emphasis should be on promptly sharing any concerns you have so that these can be fully considered and if any safeguarding support is appropriate that this is offered at the earliest possible stage.

What makes a good referral?

When considering how to compose a Prevent Referral, the key questions to consider in detailing your concerns are

- Where
- What
- Who
- When
- Why
- How

In addition to asking yourself these questions as you describe the nature of the events or actions that have raised concerns, you should also have in mind describing:

- **Context:** What has preceded or influenced the events you outline
- **Direct Speech:** If you have specific quotes or comments, detail these
- **Managing Risk:** What mitigating action has already been taken
- **Any social media details:** If there are specific social media links known, outline these
- **Specific details of concerning behaviour:** Using the key questions outlined above as a structure.
- **Family background:** If there is relevant information on family background do mention this.

There is additional information on the context to consider for possible Prevent referrals on the Warwickshire Safeguarding Board website. The links available are [here](#) and [here](#)

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Prevent Community Engagement

Over the last year, we have been looking to increase our support to local community engagement events to raise awareness and interest in Prevent. We have:-

- Delivered presentations to a range of local community forum meetings across Warwickshire.
- Assisted EQUIP with the We Stand Together events.
- Contributed to the Warwick District Inter-faith Wellbeing conference held in Leamington in November 2019.
- Taken part in numerous community group events to discuss Prevent.

A key aim of the Prevent Strategy is to improve community resilience to extremism. By reaching out and engaging local community and faith groups to explain the purpose of Prevent, by listening to local experiences and priorities we can do more to help enhance this community resilience. If you are planning a community engagement event during 2020/21 and would like to include an item on Prevent, please contact us to discuss how this might be supported.

Commission for Counter Extremism

Sara Khan, who heads up the Commission for Countering Extremism, has carried out the first ever national conversation on extremism and reviewed the government's current approach.

The commission has now published its findings and recommendations in a new report, [Challenging Hateful Extremism](#). The report identifies a new category of extremist behaviour outside of terrorism and violent extremism, which it calls hateful extremism.

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Our summary of hateful extremism is:



Behaviours that can incite and amplify hate, or engage in persistent hatred, or equivocate about and make the moral case for violence;

And that draw on hateful, hostile or supremacist beliefs directed at an out-group who are perceived as a threat to the wellbeing, survival or success of an in-group;

And that cause, or are likely to cause, harm to individuals, communities or wider society.

The Government are currently reviewing the outcome of this report and will in due course be bringing forward proposals for a new Counter Extremism Strategy.

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Local Prevent Projects:

Over the last six months we have been working to introduce new local projects that assist partners and communities to address the responsibilities under the Prevent Duty. Three great examples of these projects include:-



In January, the Game On initiative was delivered by Reveal Theatre over two weeks to the whole of Year 9's at Nicholas Chamberlaine School in Bedworth. This project which has been funded by the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner is a Home Office best project and is focused upon tackling the issues of the Far Right and Islamist extremism.

Tapestry Theatre

We are also looking to work with Play House to deliver the 'Tapestry' programme in the County. This scheme offers a safe space for students to critically explore extremist views and witness through the drama how these ideas could be formed. Students become part of 'Tapestry' allowing them a chance to have a voice and be heard.



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Safe and Secure

This project, which has received funding support from WM Counter Terrorism Unit, has allowed us to work with different faith groups, which have often been a focus for extremist violence, to work together to help local people to feel safe and secure. Initial work has taken place in Warwick District and we look to extend this across the County during 2020.



Attendees at the first Safe and Secure Workshop who braved the floods on the 14th November to meet at the Leamington and Warwick Sikh Temple.

We will continue to work with local partners to explore how future projects might be identified and supported during 2020. If you have any suggestions, please do get in touch, your idea might be the next to be featured here.

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If you would like to discuss any aspects of Prevent or training requests, please contact:-

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