



## **Warwickshire Prevent News**

### **July 2022**

Welcome to the latest round-up of news from Safe in Warwickshire, Prevent.

For more information about Prevent, visit our website:

<https://safeinwarwickshire.com/prevent/>



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### Local Context

Within Warwickshire, each of the Local Authorities, together with Police, Education and Health sectors are looking to work with communities to deliver the Governments Prevent Strategy. Prevent is essential to provide support and assistance to vulnerable individuals at risk of being groomed in violent extremist activity – to help safeguard individuals before any harm to them or to others can occur. In this Newsletter we set out some of the recent developments that have taken place affecting Prevent over the last three months, both nationally and locally. This has been a period of unprecedented change affecting our communities and there have been significant developments concerning the risks around radicalisation and safeguarding our communities.

#### **In this newsletter you will find:**

- Local Prevent training products and dates for 2022/23
- The Prevent Online Safety leaflet
- Educate Against Hate “Lets Discuss”
- ProtectUK App
- ShoutOut UK – interview with two former extremists
- Elected Member Prevent Handbook
- Warwickshire Prevent Referral Guidance



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### PREVENT TRAINING IN WARWICKSHIRE 2022/23

A refreshed programme of Prevent training events:

#### FACE TO FACE COURSES

***Please note:** Face to face training sessions will be subject to Covid Government Guidelines and Venue Protocol at the time of the training. Some dates may be reviewed depending upon the number of bookings.*

#### **GEN NS518 - WORKSHOP TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PREVENT:**

**A maximum of 20 attendees per session.**

Date	Location	Time
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	Warwick ( <b>venue to be confirmed</b> )	10am - 12pm
8 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Benn Centre, Rugby	10am - 12pm
10 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Chess Centre, Nuneaton	10am - 12pm

This Home Office approved course provides 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.

It is an excellent interactive course for delegates to discuss what can influence people to engage with violent extremist movements.

**Please book via WCC Learning Hub using Code: GEN NS518**

If unable to book on direct, please e-mail [preventtraining@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:preventtraining@warwickshire.gov.uk)



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#### **A refreshed programme of Prevent training events:**

#### **PREVENT UPDATE TRAINING**

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. In particular over the last year, the impact of COVID-19 has seen the rise of new Prevent related risks we need to be aware of. A new training course has been prepared for this purpose, and covers:-

- The current priorities and risks in Warwickshire, including the impact of COVID-19.
- 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 for Practitioners. It is suitable for those staff that have attended WRAP previously and need a refresh as well as those who are new to Prevent.

The dates are set out on page 5 below

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#### GEN NS554 - PREVENT UPDATE TRAINING:

A maximum of 30 attendees per session depending upon the venue.

Date	Location	Time
6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	Warwick (venue to be confirmed)	10am - 12pm
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Chess Centre, Nuneaton	10am - 12pm
6 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	Warwick (venue to be confirmed)	10am – 12pm
7 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Mancetter Memorial Hall, North Warwickshire	10am - 12pm
9 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	Warwick (venue to be confirmed)	10am – 12pm

Please book direct via WCC Learning Hub using Code: GEN NS554

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#### PREVENT UPDATE TRAINING: ON-LINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Date	Time
27 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	2pm - 4pm
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	2pm - 4pm
9 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	2pm - 4pm

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**A refreshed programme of Prevent training events:**

**POG - PREVENT ONLINE GROOMING TRAINING: ON-LINE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS**

**A maximum of 30 attendees per session.**

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. The content includes, the impact of different social media apps, the Dark Web, gaming as well as guides to help keep safe online. Over the last 12 months there have been a significant number of risks and challenges that have occurred to safety online, with the impact of COVID-19 in particular making it even more important that we help to keep vulnerable people safe from harm.

This course provides an excellent practical and up-to-date introduction to these topics. To attend an online session, please email [preventtraining@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:preventtraining@warwickshire.gov.uk)

Date	Time
29 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	2pm - 4pm
13 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	2pm - 4pm
16 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	2pm - 4pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	2pm - 4pm

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### Promoting Online Safety



**A STRAIGHTFORWARD PARENTS GUIDE**  
TO PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN  
FROM ONLINE HATE, EXTREMISM  
AND HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

**YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SPENDING MORE TIME ONLINE THAN EVER**

Young people need to learn about socialising online. Parents are juggling modern technology alongside working and navigating the risks children face. They are exposed to online hate, bullying and exploitation amongst many others. This interactive guide focuses on the risks that online hate, extremism, bullying and exploitation pose and how parents and carers can minimise those risks to keep young people safe online.

### Online Safety Leaflet:

We have recently updated the locally prepared guide to help keep young people safe online. Over the last two years, during the pandemic, colleagues will be aware that more people have spent time at home online, with more extremist and conspiracy content than before seeking to target vulnerable individuals. This leaflet provides very practical guidance specifically to help parents and carers keep the household safe. We would be very grateful if you are able to assist in making this widely available by sending it, or linking the information through your own organisation. You can access the full leaflet [here](#)

If any school or organisation would like to organise training for either staff, or for parents, on this topic then please contact [preventtraining@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:preventtraining@warwickshire.gov.uk)



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### Educate Against Hate: “Lets Discuss”

In May this year, Educate Against Hate launched the “Lets Discuss” resource pack. Each pack includes a short film, lesson plan, class task and PowerPoint presentation to help those plan engaging, accurate and in-depth conversations with students that help build their resilience to extremist narratives. The range of distinct packs available include:

- Extreme right wing terrorism
- Islamist extremism
- Left-wing anarchist and single-issue extremism
- Fundamental British Values

The link to the website is <https://educateagainsthate.com/resources/lets-discuss-british-values/>

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**Let's Discuss**

**Launch date**  
6th May 2022

**Audience**  
KS3+ school/college  
leaders and teachers

**Link (live from 6th May)**  
<https://bit.ly/3yV1fmi>

**fundamental british values**

**Islamist extremism**

**extreme right-wing**

**leftwing anarchist and single-issue**

**Short films**

**Lesson plans**

**Presentation slides**

**Class tasks**





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# ProtectUK

- In March, there was the launch of ProtectUK app. This replaces the ACT App and supports the ProtectUK website. It offers accessible, clear and simple, actionable guidance.
- The app is intended for use by anyone during and after an incident, using simple “action cards” to focus on the actions needed for given situations.
- Furthermore, there are links to E-learning products, the “Run, Hide, Tell” video, Incident reports and reporting information.
- To access the ProtectUK app, go to Search “ProtectUK” in your relevant App store and install
- Google Play Store
- App Store
- Click on the ProtectUK App tile icon on your device once downloaded and access the content





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- Media Minded – ShoutOut UK



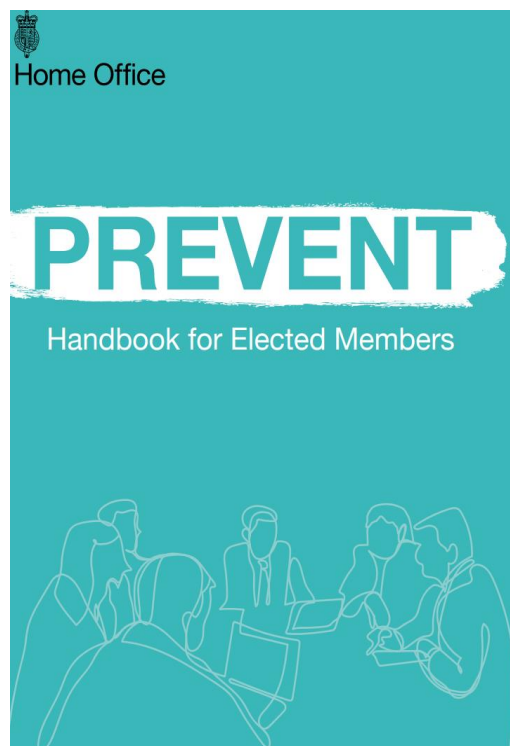
- In the June Podcast edition of ShoutOut UK, there is a fascinating discussion of two former participants in extremist movements, talking about their experiences, how they became involved in violent movements and eventually how they come to leave them.
- One of those participants is Nigel Bromwich, of Small Steps, who has worked with us here in Warwickshire and is an excellent speaker and well worth spending time listening to.
- The podcast can be found through the main Podcast providers and if you want to hear at first hand some of the personal drivers and context for engagement in violent extremist movements then this is an excellent resource to engage with.

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### Elected Members Prevent Handbook and Other Recourses

- Elected Members are crucial voices in our communities and engaging them on Prevent can help unblock potential obstacles to local delivery. To help with such engagement, last year the Home Office developed an Elected Members handbook, which provides information for this audience about what Prevent is, why it's important and how they can help in its delivery (as well as some FAQs).
- This information is directly helpful for Elected Members, but it also provides very well presented information for other colleagues to help build understanding on the scope and operation of the Prevent Duty. You can access a copy of the Prevent Handbook on the Safe in Warwickshire Prevent page - <https://safeinwarwickshire.com/prevent/>
- The Handbook is used as the basis for the Warwickshire Elected Member training session, and if anyone would like to book an event then email [preventtraining@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:preventtraining@warwickshire.gov.uk)



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### Updated Warwickshire Prevent Referral Guidance

During the first phase of the pandemic, there was a significant reduction nationally in the number of Prevent referrals being received. This occurred at a time when we witnessed an increase in the amount of online extremist content, with more people spending time online, for work, entertainment or communication. This raises our concerns about the risks of individuals encountering and being radicalised by extremist content.

To help address this risk, the local Warwickshire Channel Panel have revised the arrangements for making a Prevent Referral, based on the national requirements set out under the Prevent Duty. This includes producing new local guidance and advice for those considering making a referral. This information is fully set out on the Safe in Warwickshire Prevent page, the link is [here](#)

The referral guide emphasises that Prevent is focussed upon safeguarding vulnerable individuals at risk of radicalisation. It also highlights the Prevent Duty framework of Notice, Check, Share as a means of assisting practitioners to consider if they have concerns regarding the well-being of an individual and whether to seek support. The national link to information regarding this can be found [here](#). The local guidance also includes information on the Channel Referral process, the National Referral Form and information on the work of the Warwickshire Channel Panel.

The guidance also provides further advice on issues to consider in preparing a referral, what to look for and include. However, a key message in the guidance is that if you do have concerns, but don't feel you have all the information referred to in the guide to hand, **please make sure you send in the referral even if you can't cover everything**. Don't put it off. A referral for a vulnerable person can be the first, essential step, that leads to the support they need being provided.

Colleagues are encouraged to share the Warwickshire Prevent Referral Guidance within their organisation, and where appropriate directly link it to the local Safeguarding policies and procedures.