

HOW WE PREVENT RADICALISATION IN WARWICKSHIRE: OUR ACTION PLAN

The Warwickshire Prevent Action Plan has been designed to support the national strategy. The work has been divided into 6 sections and themes:

- 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, coordinated 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
- 6. Intelligence and communications** – mechanisms to monitor local community tensions, identify vulnerable individuals and communicate Prevent activity across Warwickshire agencies and communities

ABOUT PREVENT

Prevent is one of four objectives which make up the Government's Strategy for Countering Terrorism – CONTEST.

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 introduced the Prevent Duty, meaning there must be 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

Prevent operates in the 'pre-criminal space', providing support and re-direction to vulnerable individuals at risk of being groomed into terrorist activities before any crimes are committed. Local authorities at county and district / borough level, schools, colleges and universities, health and social care, criminal justice, and the police have to comply with the duty.

Radicalisation could be comparable to other forms of harm and abuse. We therefore consider it a safeguarding issue which needs to be thought of alongside the wider safeguarding agenda.

ABOUT CHANNEL

Warwickshire has an established Channel Panel which meets monthly with positive engagement from a wide variety of partner agencies. The role of the Panel is to review referred cases, assess the nature and extent of the identified risk; and develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.

If you need to refer someone to Warwickshire Channel you will find the necessary form at:

safeinwarwickshire.com/prevent

WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES

Warwickshire agencies work in close partnership with our communities. Warwickshire communities already do much to challenge and reduce the influence of extremists, empowering those at risk to make positive life choices.

Many of the actions in the Prevent Action Plan are delivered by a local Prevent Officer supported by partners of the Warwickshire Prevent Strategy Group.

For further information, resources, Prevent training courses on offer, please visit:
safeinwarwickshire.com/prevent