Warwickshire Channel Panel Referral Process

Channel is a partnership approach to support individuals in Warwickshire who may be vulnerable and at risk of being drawn into extremism. It is vital we work together to support those who are vulnerable and provide a multi-agency approach to identifying and providing support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism. Channel is about partnerships and communities working together to provide an appropriate support package tailored to an individual's needs, not about reporting or informing on individuals in order to prosecute them. Individuals referred through to the panel are in the 'pre-criminal space', support is not imposed upon them and most people generally agree to the help offered to them.

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Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6
 Individual/s from Warwickshire communities are identified as: vulnerable at risk of being groomed at risk of being drawn into extremism and or terrorism 	 The referrer should complete the Channel Panel referral form on the Safe in Warwickshire website This should be sent to the prevent inbox by secure email or in a secure manner 	• The referral is assessed and if it is deemed appropriate for the Channel Panel a vulnerability assessment of the individual will take place by Channel Panel members	• The Channel Panel, a multi agency panel chaired by the local authority decide on the most appropriate action to support individuals referred through to the panel. This support will consist of signposting to appropriate support services	• In some cases it may be decided that an individual cannot be supported by the Channel Panel. In this case or when channel issues have been resolved and the individual has further issues they will be referred from the panel to relevant agencies as agreed with the referrer for further support	After receiving support, individuals exit the process. Reviews are held at 6 and 12 month periods

The partnership focussed structure diverts people away from potential threat at an early stage, preventing them from being drawn into criminal activity.