

PREVENT

What is PREVENT?

'PREVENT' is short for 'Preventing Violent Extremism'.

The overall aim of Prevent is to stop people supporting violent extremism by raising awareness of the issues and supporting people who may be vulnerable.

Why do I need to know this?

There is a common misconception that only certain types of people are at risk of becoming part of a violent extremist organisation.

Prevent is not about catching terrorists, it is about identifying people who may be at risk of radicalisation and supporting them to change direction in a way that will help them.

It is not 'spying on communities'. It is supporting those people who may be vulnerable to extremist ideologies before they cross the threshold into criminal activity.

There are only a very small number of people who support terrorist activity, or are likely to. The vast majority of people, in all communities, want to see terrorism prevented, and want to play their part as good citizens in helping to make that happen.

Prevent work covers all forms of potential terrorism, such as Al Qaeda, ISIL (Islamic State in Sharm and the Levant) inspired, the far right, Irish republican, animal rights, faith-based extremism and others. However, the Government considers the threat posed by individuals and groups inspired by Al Qaeda and ISIL to be the biggest risk to national security at the moment.

There is also growing national concern about the risk of far right violence, especially since the killings in Norway in 2011, the murder of Mohammed Saleem in Birmingham in 2013, neo-Nazi activity elsewhere in Europe and the growth of 'Defence League' groups and their associated splinter groups that have formed in the UK and Europe.

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Government Prevent Strategy 2011

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-strategy-2011>

Concerned about a young person or adult?

If you have concerns about a young person, please refer to:

http://llrscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p_viol_extrem.html#referral

If you have concerns about an adult please refer to:

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For more information or to speak directly with the Prevent Coordinator, contact the St Philips Centre on 0116 273 3459 or

email prevent@stphilipscentre.co.uk

NSPCC helpline for parents worried about radicalisation

Call: 0808 800 5000

email: help@nspcc.org.uk