

# Prevent Awareness Training

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of possibilities.



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# What we will cover

- A brief introduction to Prevent
- The national and local risk picture
- Prevent in Barnsley – Issues and Delivery
- Our Safeguarding Approach
- Vulnerabilities and behaviours
- Online Threat



# CONTEST

## UK's Counter-Terrorism Strategy

Protect

To strengthen physical protection against a terrorist attack.

Prepare

To mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

Pursue

Tackling criminal terrorist activity

Prevent

To safeguard people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism



# Prevent within Your area of work

- What do you think Prevent is?
- What is extremism/radicalisation?
- What signs could you look out for?
- What actions could you take?
- Is Prevent taught or spoken about within your area of work?
- Would you know who or where to report any concerns? And WOULD you report any concerns?



# Prevent Objectives

Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism.

Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support.



# Prevent is concerned with all forms of extremism

Prevent is a cross-government Programme with local authorities working to deliver local strategies

Prevent is based on having conversations with trusted colleagues and using professional judgement to understand when to intervene

No matter where you work and in what role, issues relating to extremism can pose a serious safeguarding risk which staff need to be mindful of



# A safeguarding approach

- Prevent aims to safeguard individuals who may be vulnerable to being groomed into terrorism
- People can be vulnerable for a number of reasons – not just in relation to terrorism
- Affects all communities - online reach
- Prevent utilises proportionate, multi-agency safeguarding approaches and established processes before criminality begins



# Healthcare - Prevent Duty

- Under the Prevent duty, the health sector is required to ensure that healthcare workers are able to identify early signs of an individual being drawn into radicalisation.
- Additionally, any provider commissioned using the NHS Standard Contract has a wider contractual safeguarding responsibility which includes Prevent.
- ***Staff must be able to recognise key signs of radicalisation and be confident in referring individuals to their organisational safeguarding lead thus enabling them to receive the support and intervention they require.***
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/nhs-prevent-training-and-competencies-framework/nhs-prevent-training-and-competencies-framework>
- ***Prevent Duty Guidance published September 2023 -***





# Healthcare Sector- key duties

- A key expectation for the healthcare sector is to ensure that healthcare professionals are trained to recognise where a person might be susceptible to becoming radicalised into terrorism, know how to refer someone into Prevent, and are aware of available programmes to provide support
- Preventing someone from being radicalised into terrorism should be managed in the same way as other safeguarding responsibilities within healthcare – for example, child abuse or domestic violence.
- Engagement with Channel Panel



# UK Terrorism Threat Level

<b>Critical</b>	An attack is highly likely in the near future
<b>Severe</b>	An attack is highly likely
<b>Substantial</b>	An attack is likely
<b>Moderate</b>	An attack is possible, but not likely
<b>Low</b>	An attack is highly unlikely

As of 22/05/2024 the Threat Level is Substantial. This means that a terrorist attack on the UK Mainland is “likely”.



# National Risk Picture

## Threat level **SUBSTANTIAL** – an attack is ‘likely’

- Islamist Terrorism (eg ISIS and Al Qaeda Inspired Terrorism)
- Extreme Right Wing Terrorism
- Emerging issues eg Incel, School massacre, and conspiracy theories
- Northern Ireland related Terrorism

## Changing nature:

- Self-initiated terrorism
- Online extremism (including online gaming)
- Targeting of young people
- Safeguarding against the exploitation of poor mental health



# Prevent referral data 2022/23 – NE Region

	Type of concern								
Stage of Prevent Programme	Extreme Right Wing	Islamist	Other	Conflicted	Vulnerability present but no ideology or CT risk	No risk, vulnerability or Ideology Present	School massacre	Incel	Total
Prevent Referrals	221	77	15	255	327	113	27	6	1,042
Discussed at Channel Panel	92	22	7	43	4	0	3	2	173
Adopted as a Channel Case	66	16	7	25	3	0	3	1	121



# The Local Threat Assessment



- Ideology: Extreme Right Wing, International terrorism, and Mixed, Unclear and Unstable (misogynist, school shooter, satanism, Incels etc)
- Ages: Broad range, but an increasing number of young people
- Traits: Autism, ADHD, trauma, violence towards family and domestic abuse



# What is (/was) extremism?

- **Vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including**
- **Democracy,**
- **The rule of law**
- **Individual liberty and the mutual respect**
- **Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.**
- **This includes calls for the death of members of our armed forces.**



# What is (/was) extremism?

•Extremism is the promotion or advancement of an ideology based on violence, hatred or intolerance, that aims to:

1.negate or destroy the fundamental rights and freedoms of others; or

2.undermine, overturn or replace the UK's system of liberal parliamentary democracy and democratic rights; or

3.intentionally create a permissive environment for others to achieve the results in (1) or (2).



# What is Radicalisation?

- The process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism. A radicaliser is an individual who encourages others to develop or adopt beliefs and views supportive of terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism
- Radicalisation is comparable to other forms of exploitation.
- Many forms – face to face, internet





# What is Terrorism?

- *The use of violence or threat of violence in order to affect a political, religious, or ideological change.*
- *includes - serious violence against a person or damage to property, endangering a person's life or creating a serious risk to the health or safety of the public or a section of the public*
- Action designed to influence government or to intimidate the public.
- Planning, assisting and even collecting information on how to commit terrorist acts are all crimes

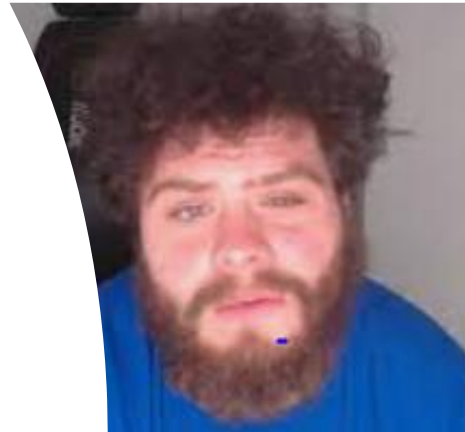
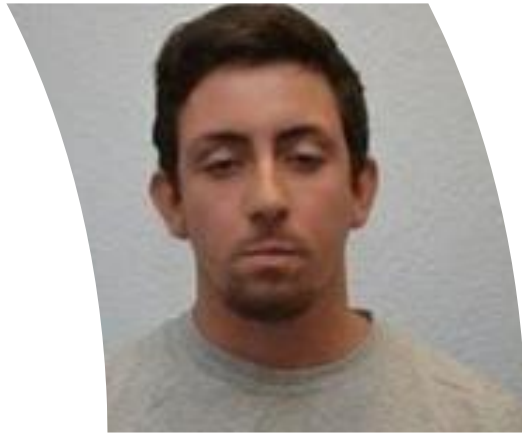
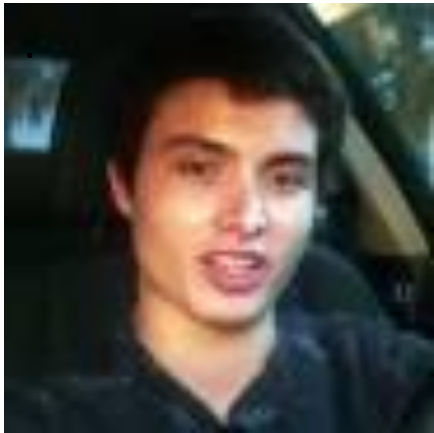


# Self-Initiated Terrorism.



# Incels

- Online sub-culture.
- Involuntary Celibates are extreme misogynists.
- They are not celibate by choice, but rather by virtue of women ignoring/denying their 'right' to a sexual relationship.
- Extremists motivated by personal grievance and high publicity acts of murder (school massacre), Extreme right wing terrorism and Satanist.



# Prevent in Barnsley

- Prevent aims to prevent people from becoming terrorists and/or supporting terrorist activities and to challenge extremist ideologies.
- How is that delivered within Barnsley?
- Training – Driving and Delivering Training internally and externally with regards to Prevent
- Awareness raising – strongly linked to above, but more than just formal training - embedding into processes and procedures – into everyday responsibilities and tasks – Strategic Comms Plan that covers CONTEST.
- IT Procedures
- Venue Hire and Event Management
- Partnership and Stakeholder Engagement at a Strategic Level
- Channel Panel



# Prevent in Barnsley

What is the current threat/risk in Barnsley? It is ERW, Neo Nazi, White Supremacy, Anti Semitism – it is online radicalisation – gaming/social media – Incel impact not yet known within Barnsley but one to watch out for

What should I be looking out for?

- Stickers/Flyering/Social Media posts on Groups you might be members of [Signs and Symbols](#)
- Advertised events or meets
- In Individuals, changes in behaviour. More withdrawn – change in type of language used etc – anything that may cause concern during a conversations with Service Users
- More and more cases are presenting with ADHD/ ASD/ Mental Health issues / Substance abuse of some shape or form
- Materialistic Physical Signs– Far Right, Neo Nazi supporting material, swastikas etc – clothing, tattoos, books etc

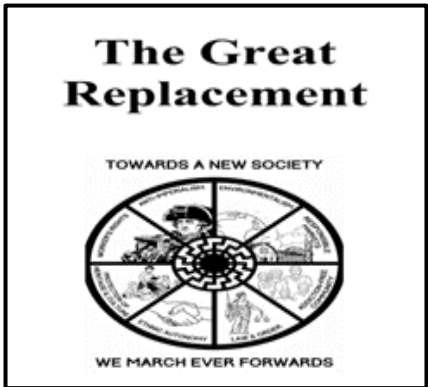


# ERWT Ideological Views



Cultural Nationalism (CN)

is a belief that “Western Culture” is under threat from mass migration into Europe and from a lack of integration by certain ethnic and cultural groups. The ideology tends to focus on the rejection of cultural practices such as the wearing of the burqa or the perceived rise of the use of sharia law.



White Nationalism (WN)

is a belief that mass migration from the “non-White” world, and demographic change, poses an existential threat to the “White Race” and “Western Culture”.  
Advocates for some sort of “White” homeland.



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## White Supremacism (WS)

is a belief that the “White Race” has certain characteristics that makes it superior to other races. It is often associated with conspiracy theories that explain the decline in “White” political and social status over the last hundred years.



## National Socialism (NS)

is a belief that there should be a white state governed by National Socialist policy, with no place for what they deem liberal, multicultural or degenerate views. They will often be influenced by the ideology and practices associated with Adolf Hitler and Nazi Germany.



# ERWT Conspiracy Theories

The Great  
Replacement /  
White Genocide

A belief that non-white ethnic groups are replacing whites as the dominant ethnic group through immigration, higher birth rates, race mixing and cultural destruction.

There is no Political  
Solution (TINPS)

Used by ERWT to disparage the efforts of other far-right activists in using democracy. Calls for the rejection of electoral politics in favour of a violent uprising and terrorism.

Holocaust

Denial that the Holocaust happened. A lie created by Jews and demonstrates how powerful, manipulative and untrustworthy Jews are to be able to fool everyone.

Why? It cleanses Nazism of the crime and spreads anti-Semitism





# Right Wing imagery and symbols

"We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children."

[Signs and Symbols](#)



# Barnsley Examples



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# Protests

- Protests outside hotels housing asylum seekers – Knowsley, Liverpool – Manvers, Rotherham



# Proscribed Groups

- National Action and variants thereof
- The IRA
- Hizballah
- Hamas
- Al Qaeda / Daesh / ISIS
- Wagner
- Hizb Ut Tahrir
- Terrogram Collective

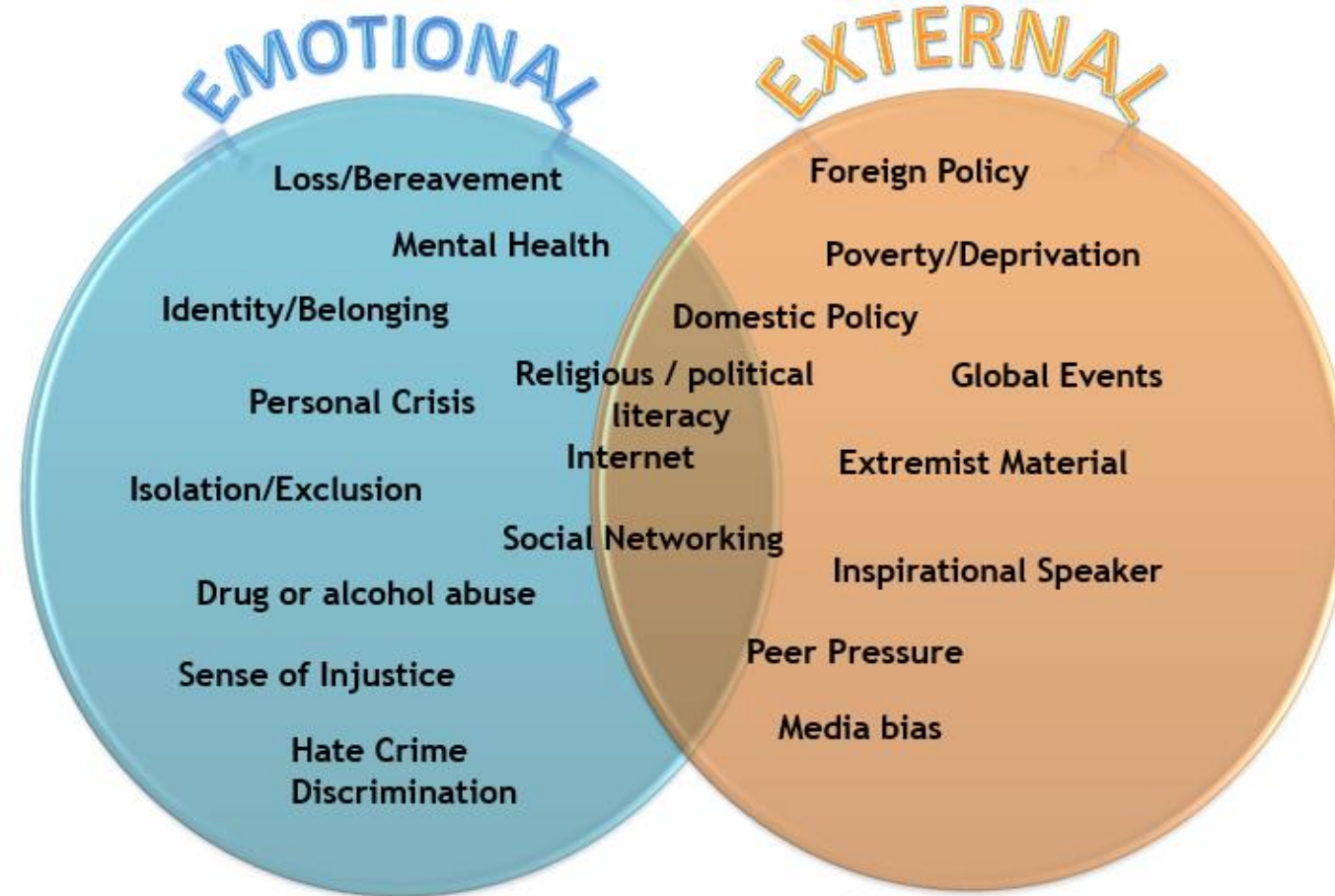


# Israel/Hamas Conflict

- Encouraging open and honest discussion
- Flags/Symbology/Pin Badges
- Support for Israel/Palestine vs Support for Hamas



# Susceptibilities





# Behaviours to Watch out for

Personal  
Grievance

Feelings of  
inadequacy

Desensitised to  
violence

Escalation/de-  
escalation in  
overt behaviours

Fixation

Deviance

Social exclusion



# Behaviours: What would give you cause for concern?

## Emotional

*Examples include:*

Change in behaviour – anger, withdrawn, tearful, depressed.

## Vocal

- Change in language/use of words
- Scripted speech
- Fixated on a subject
- ‘Them and Us’ thinking
- Closed to new ideas

## Physical

- Changes in appearance
- Absence
- Having a new circle of friends
- Change of routine
- Attitudes that justify offending

Look out for **Change in Behaviour** – have conversations to understand this.

The likelihood of these changes being linked to radicalisation is very small, however we can't ignore it.



# Concerns?

- Disclosure from patient/ service user with regards to behaviours
- Noticing changes in patients or service users that you may see frequently
- Use of language that differs to normal
- Abuse of staff or colleagues around race/religion etc – might not be a prevent concern but would still need to be reported to Police – hate Crime close links
- Many cases that are referred in have other concerns too – DA, Drug and alcohol issues, ASD, ADHD, Speech and Language difficulties



# Escalating concerns: Notice, Check, Share

Discuss your concerns through your internal safeguarding processes, with a colleague or your line manager

*If you still have PREVENT concerns and wish to discuss further or escalate, contact:*

South Yorkshire Police Prevent Team Tel: 0114 2964081 (8am – 4pm) / via 101  
[Prevent\\_inbox@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Prevent_inbox@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)

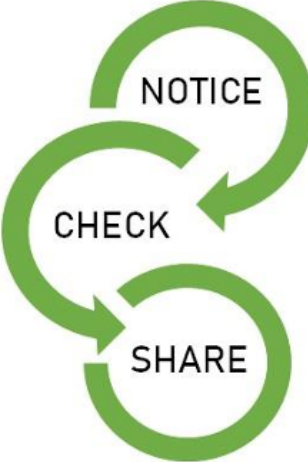
In an emergency (where yours or others safety is threatened) call 999

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# Escalating concerns: Notice, Check, Share



**Have you **checked** your concern with your Safeguarding Lead?**

From your checks has any other information come to light?

Has the individual of concern been spoken to for clarity? If not, what are the reasons for this (inappropriate, safeguarding risk)?

Do they offer a reasonable explanation and/or account?

If under 18, have their parents been spoken to for clarity? Have they noticed a change in behaviour?

Are any other agencies currently or historically working with the individual or family? Have they been consulted? Is the concern Prevent related? Or is it more suitable under general safeguarding?

Have there been any historical concerns? I.e., concerns at previous school?

Could the concern be addressed in house? Is there a genuine radicalisation risk?

Do you and or the individual need additional support?

**What have you **noticed**?**

**Who was involved?**

Can the concern be dealt with in house or does it need wider checking?

Does the incident relate to recent local, national or international events?

Does the incident relate to local or national news stories? Has the individual been involved in similar incidents?

Why do you feel the individual is vulnerable to radicalisation?

Was it a one off comment or statement and out of context for the individual?


Are there any other apparent vulnerabilities or concerns that make the individual at risk of radicalisation?

Having noticed the initial concern and carrying out the appropriate checks do you feel **sharing** the information as a referral is necessary?

Have you discussed with the Prevent team and been advised to make this referral? We encourage all referrers to discuss their concerns with the individual and parents if applicable and make them aware of the referral to Prevent (with reasons) unless sharing this information places the individual or another person at serious risk of harm.

**Who have you consulted?**

What intervention, if any, have you put in place? Have you made any other referrals or discussed the case with other agencies?



<http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/prevent>



# What happens with concerns?

**Proportionate** multi-agency approach:

- Prevent Referral Form
- Information sharing – jigsaw pieces
- Ruling out criminality
- Channel Panel – **voluntary** (consent required) & **confidential**
- Multi-agency assessment of risks
- Support to address Susceptibilities
- How do GPs get involved with the Channel Process? Information sharing, Patient records, medication, relationship with the subject.



# Online Space - Social Media



# Online Threat – but not a Prevent concern!





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# Recent Cases of Note

- Christine Grayson and Darren Reynolds
- Alan Madden
- Matthew King
- Mohammed Afzal
- Daniel John Harris
- Ashley Sharp



# Points to Takeaway

- Be Alert not alarmed
- You know your Patients / service users better than most
- Any concerns can be raised through myself, CT Police or DSLs or Organisational Leads
- Be Vigilant – Eyes and Ears for patient / service user behaviours
- What is the current threat/risk in Barnsley? It is ERW, Neo Nazi, White Supremacy It is ERW, Neo Nazi, White Supremacy – it is online radicalisation – gaming/social media –self initiated terrorism main threat as discussed earlier Sharing of material and “likes” – Terrorism arrests recently have been for sharing material or possession of material likely to aid a Terrorist attack
- Prevent is Safeguarding at the end of the day so if you are really unsure, then speak to myself or CT Police



# Thank you for Listening!

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# Any Questions?

