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Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to April's newsletter providing information and guidance in relation to Prevent in Bury.

The focus on Prevent is to safeguard against hateful extremism.

Prevent is one part of the government's overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The aim of Prevent is to:

- tackle the ideological causes of terrorism.
- intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation.
- enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and support behaviour change.

Hello from Roy Thickett and Bury Council

Spring is in full bloom, and with it comes a fresh opportunity to refocus our efforts on safety, vigilance, and community well-being.

In this edition, we spotlight key updates, share practical resources, and highlight the work being done across our networks to safeguard against radicalisation and support those most at risk. As always, your engagement makes the difference!

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything."

William Shakespeare

In this month's newsletter, we are taking a closer look at Martyn's law which gained Royal Assent on Thursday 3rd April 2025.

This law will support premises and events to be better prepared to respond to attacks.



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Martyn's Law becomes legislation: A milestone in public safety

We are pleased to share an important development in UK security legislation: Martyn's Law, also known as the Protect Duty, has officially become law. This legislation, named in memory of Martyn Hett, one of the victims of the 2017 Manchester Arena attack, places a legal duty on those responsible for publicly accessible locations to consider the threat of terrorism and to take proportionate steps to protect the public.

What does this mean?

Martyn's Law applies to a wide range of venues and organisations, from concert arenas and shopping centres to schools, universities, and places of worship. Depending on the size and nature of the premises, the law introduces two tiers:

- **Standard Tier** (occupancy of 100–799): Requires a tailored terrorism evaluation and basic staff training.
- **Enhanced Tier** (occupancy of 800+): Involves more rigorous risk assessments, planning, and mitigation strategies.
- Review and update venue risk assessments.
- Support training and awareness-raising initiatives within your team.
- Encourage collaboration with local counter-terrorism security advisors (CTSAs) and Prevent leads.

We commend all those who have worked tirelessly to support the introduction of this vital legislation. Martyn's Law represents a collective commitment to ensuring that tragedies like the Manchester Arena attack are never repeated.

Read more here:

<https://matomo.protectuk.police.uk/2a8ffb>

<https://www.bury.gov.uk/my-neighbourhood/safety-in-the-community/prevent/prevent-venue-hire-guidance>

For further information, training opportunities, or to connect with your local Prevent team, please contact prevent@bury.gov.uk

Why it matters for Prevent

This law strengthens the broader Prevent duty by encouraging early risk identification, promoting joined-up safeguarding and security planning, and fostering stronger engagement between venues, communities, and statutory partners.

Key actions for partners

- Familiarise yourself with the requirements of Martyn's Law and assess how it affects your organisation.



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National Picture

Threat level

The threat to the UK from terrorism is currently **substantial**.

This indicates that an attack is likely. It is the middle of the 5 levels of threat which terrorism is assessed against, with the level set by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre and the Security Service.

New Prevent Duty Toolkit for Local Authorities:

Under section 29 of the counter terrorism and security act of 2015, Local Authorities (LAs) are required to have due regard to preventing people from being drawn into terrorism. A new toolkit supports the delivery of Prevent by LAs, providing examples of good and best practice. It does not supersede statutory guidance but does highlight benchmarks for typical expectations of local authorities delivering Prevent.

It can be found here:

(https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1182802/Prevent_duty_guidance_toolkit_for_local_authorities.pdf)

A new section has been added to the Prevent guidance on using the National Referral Form and the 'Notice, Check, Share' process. Professionals may wish to adopt this process if they have concerns about radicalisation.

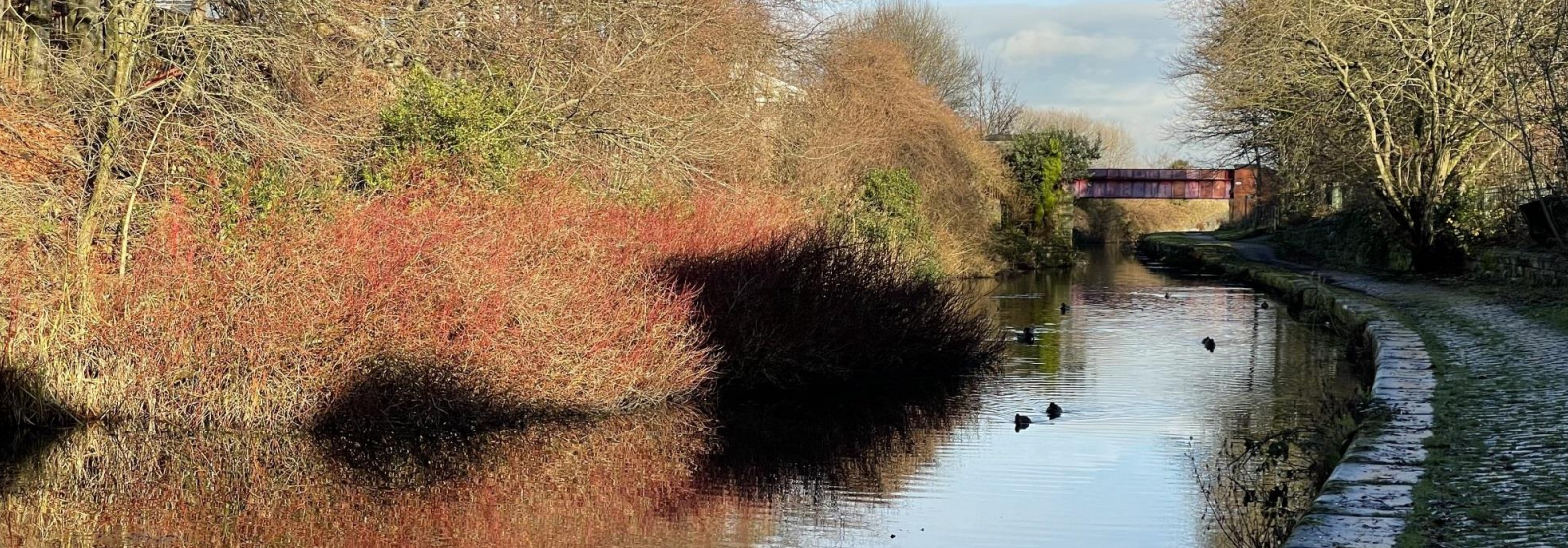
Notice - any concerning behaviour, including signs of radicalisation as included in the guidance

Check - the organisational response and speak to the safeguarding lead of your concerns. This means that you will have all the relevant information before sharing.

Share - the concern and make a referral to the police using the national referral form.

Implications for Bury:

Bury Council should review all of the above recommendations and consider implementation of those which are not already in place. Contact prevent@bury.gov.uk or more in-depth of information on any of the recommendations, including best practice.



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Guidance: get help for radicalisation

Since 2017, there has been 14 terror attacks in the UK. The government's CONTEST policy paper sets out a strategy to not only stop attacks, but also to prevent radicalisation and extremism happening in the first place.

The government's main priority is to make use of the full potential of their Counter-Terrorism Operations Centre (CTOC) to bring together the right teams and technology to disrupt and prevent terrorists, also bringing in expertise from other, non-law enforcement sectors such as education and social services, as well as international partners and allies.

The strategy is divided into 4 sections covering the areas of our world-leading counter-terrorism programme. These are:

Prevent – to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Pursue – to stop terrorist attacks in this country or UK interests overseas.

Protect – to strengthen our position against a terrorist attack.

Prepare – to minimise the impact of an attack and reduce the likelihood of further attacks.

There are also efforts that go beyond CONTEST to make transformational improvements to response.

For example, the government supports the public and private sector to become partners in prevention by increasing public messaging to ensure that they are informed about the routes to report, keeping safe, and responding to incidents.

They will strengthen our border lines against terrorism and invest in relationships with the technology sector to explore opportunities and threats arising from technology, suppressing criminal exploitation of the internet.

What is Terrorism?

Terrorism is defined in Section 1 Terrorism Act 2000

(<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/11/section/1>) as the use or threat of action designed to:

- influence the government or an international governmental organisation or
- intimidate the public, or a section of the public.

made for the purposes of advancing a political, religious, racial or ideological cause; and it involves or causes:

- serious violence against a person.
- serious damage to a property.
- a threat to a person's life.
- a serious risk to the health and safety of the public or
- serious interference with or disruption to an electronic system.



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Upcoming training

Prevent duty training:

[Learn how to support people susceptible to radicalisation | Prevent duty training \(www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk)

Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) Training

WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness around Prevent) is a Level 3 advanced Home Office training package designed for front-line staff in the private and public sector including professionals, social services, housing, the health sector, probation service, offender management units, family protection units & employment services..

The training is designed to raise awareness of PREVENT and CHANNEL as a strategy to reduce the number of people becoming or supporting violent extremism through recognising, supporting, and protecting people who might be susceptible to radicalisation through multi-agency support. This session is open to all and covers:

- Know what Prevent is.
 - Understand why Prevent is important
 - Understand how Prevent applies to their role
 - Identify the emotions and behaviours that might make someone susceptible to radicalisation
 - Understand how to apply the notice, check, share procedure
 - Understand risk in their local area
 - Know what to do when they have a concern
 - Understand their local referral pathway.
- To book a place, please contact prevent@bury.gov.uk



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Upcoming webinars by SAFE (Safety Advice for Everybody) through the Community Security Trust

For further information and to book onto sessions: [SAFE Events Hub \(zoom.us\)](https://events.zoom.us/j/9J2FJjr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg)

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- 24th Apr 7pm, **Conflict Management** (communication, spotting escalation and de-escalation techniques)
- 1st May 2pm, **Incels** (asking the question - are they villains or victims?)
- 8th May 2pm, **Security-Minded Communications** (Make your communications provide a very effective layer of protective security, at little or no cost)
- 13th May 7pm, **Event Security** (appropriate security measures to ensure the safety of large numbers of people)
- 21st May 2pm, **Hostile Reconnaissance** (the information gathering phase of attack planning)

Some useful links and documents can be found by scanning our Linktree.

Scan this QR code to find out more





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GMP Triage for referrals to Channel

For a pre-discussion and information and guidance around the suitability of submitting a referral for Channel you can contact CTPNW (Counter Terrorism Policing Northwest). (CTPNW) is a five-force collaboration delivering Counter Terrorism (CT) services to our regional forces as well as forming part of the national CT Network.

Staff at CTPNW can advise and support on whether the referral will be appropriate.

Tel: 0161 856 6362 Email: channel.project@gmp.police.uk

For further information please visit www.bury.gov.uk/prevent or email prevent@bury.gov.uk

Useful Resources

- www.protectuk.police.uk/ - counter terrorism support & guidance to effectively protect & prepare.
- Prevent and Channel factsheet - 2023 - Home Office in the media (blog.gov.uk) – Overview of the Prevent agenda and Channel process <https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/2023/02/08/prevent-and-channel-factsheet-2023/>
- What are the signs of radicalisation? ACT Early - find out more about the signs that someone may be vulnerable to radicalisation. <https://actearly.uk/spot-the-signs-of-radicalisation/what-to-look-for/>
- Protecting charities from abuse for extremist purposes - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) – guide on how trustees, staff and volunteers can protect their charity from abuse by those encouraging extremism. <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-charities-from-abuse-for-extremist-purposes>
- Radicalisation and child protection NSPCC Learning – online resource from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/safeguarding-child-protection/radicalisation>

Education colleagues – your Designated Safeguarding Leads have received a Prevent Education Handbook

For further information please visit www.bury.gov.uk/prevent or email prevent@bury.gov.uk