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# Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to August'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

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of our monthly newsletter! We're excited to share with you some exciting updates and news from Bury.

Its August! Hope everyone has enjoyed watching the Paris Olympics this month with lots of exciting sport helping to bring people together from around the world!

August is the month to celebrate the beauty of simplicity and the joy of summer's last dance!

“August was nearly over — the month of apples and falling stars, the last care-free month for the school children. The days were not hot, but sunny and limpidly clear — the first sign of advancing autumn..”

Viktor Někrasov

In August's newsletter we are going to look at managing security risks at events or workshops that are planned on being held this summer.



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## Managing security risks at events or workshops

### Why do you need to manage your security risks?

While it's true you're very unlikely to be caught up in a terrorist attack, as an employer, you are required by law to protect employees, customers, volunteers and other people visiting your sites from harm.

If you're unfortunate enough to be part of an attack, you need to have a system in place to identify and manage the risks.

This will help your organisation to keep people safe and give confidence to those working in or visiting your site by showing that you have taken measures to protect them.

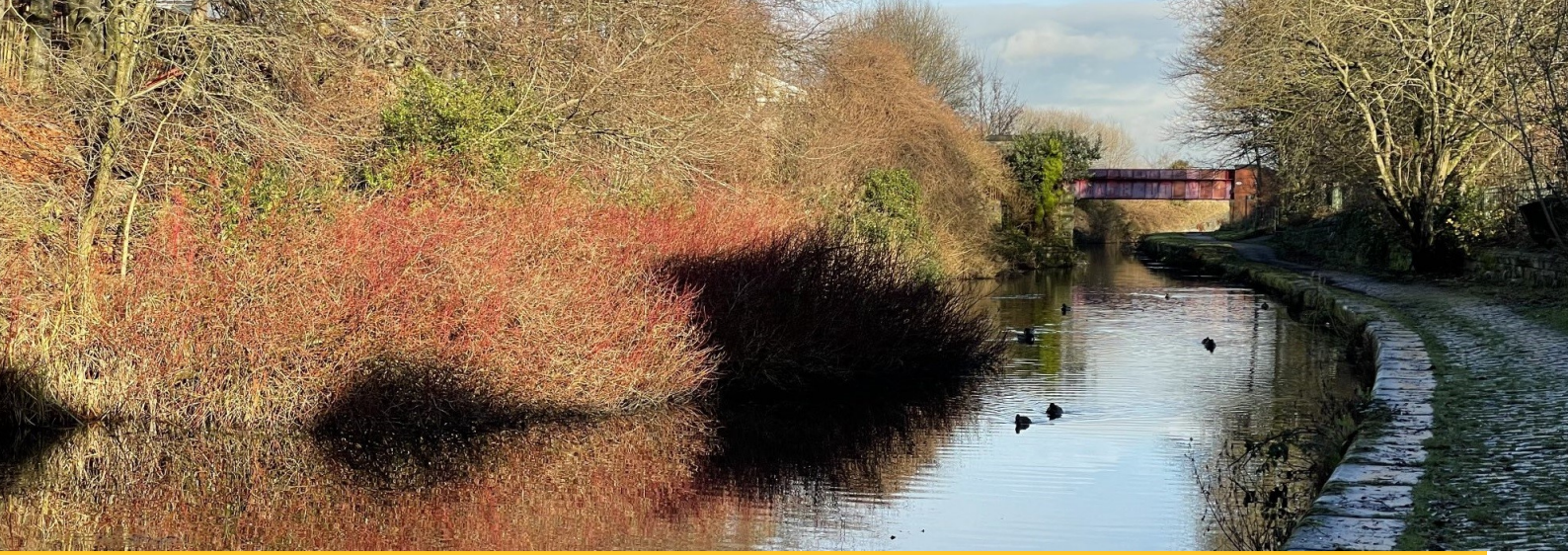
This will also reduce the adverse effects that might result from an attack, helping you to protect your reputation or brand and minimise financial losses.

This guidance provides information which will help you take forward a strong risk management system which will prepare your organisation to cope better if you should be caught up in an attack.

The sections below provide a broad overview of the ProtectUK Risk Management Process and Protect UK Approach, including its supporting resources.



The 'related content' page on ProtectUK's Risk Assessment Process will take you through the ProtectUK Approach step-by-step.



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## ProtectUK Risk Management Process

The ProtectUK Risk Management Process (RMP) has been tailored specifically to manage terrorist risk. The approach consists of five key stages that capture the following core activities:

- Stage 1: Identify the risks
- Stage 2: Assess the risks
- Stage 3: Treat the risks
- Stage 4: Record your actions
- Stage 5: Review

The above activities are supported by the ProtectUK risk assessment templates:

- ProtectUK Risk Identification Template

Supports Stage 1 of the ProtectUK Risk Assessment Process

- ProtectUK Risk Assessment Template

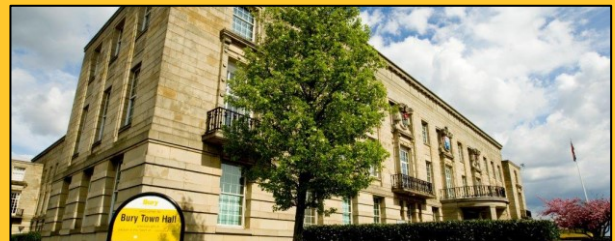
Supports Stages 2-3 of the ProtectUK Risk Assessment Process

The process of recording and reviewing risks (Stages 4-5) are actively supported by the consistent use of these templates.

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<https://www.protectuk.police.uk/protectuk-risk-management-guidance>

## Did you Know ?



Prevent is delivered locally within areas considered to be at greatest risk.

Thirty local authority areas are currently classed as Prevent 'priority' areas and receive funding from the Home Office for a local co-ordinator.

These 30, plus 14 more 'supported' areas, are eligible for funding for Prevent projects.



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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/118280/Prevent\\_duty\\_guidance\\_toolkit\\_for\\_local\\_authorities.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118280/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](mailto:prevent@bury.gov.uk) or more in-depth of information on any of the recommendations, including best practice.

## What is Terrorism?

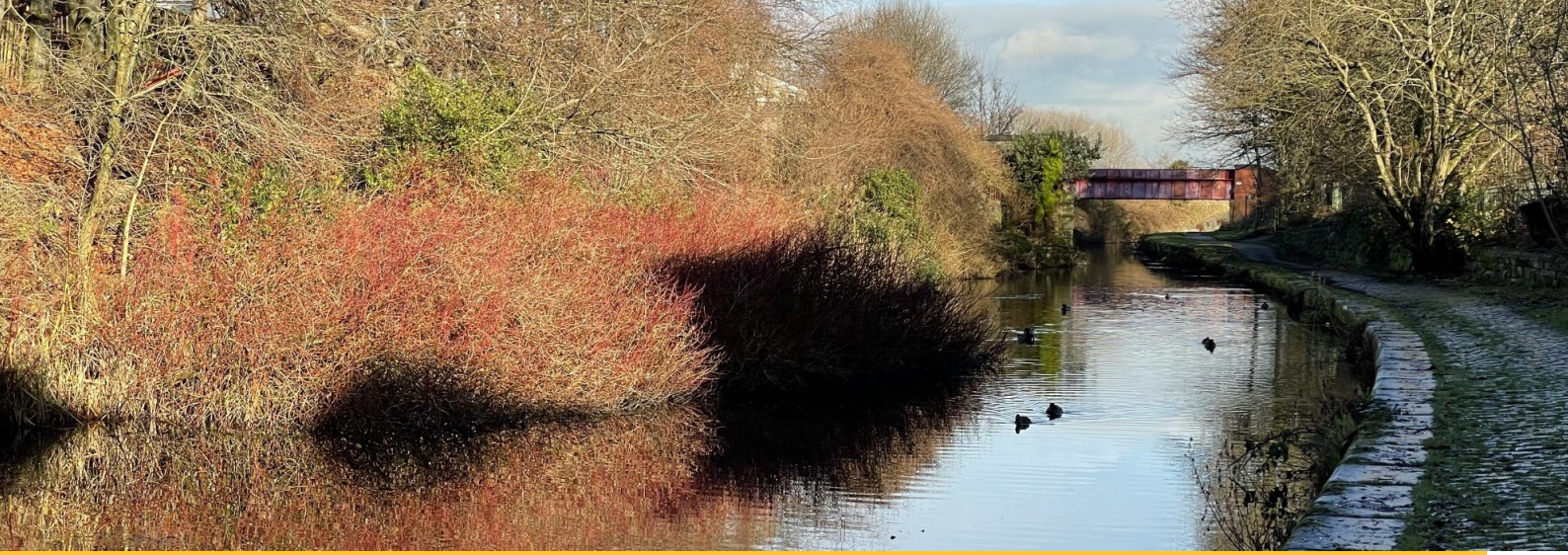
Terrorism is defined in Section 1 Terrorism Act 2000 as the use or threat of action designed to:

- 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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## 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 to 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.

## Addressing common myths about Prevent

**Myth:** The Prevent duty means teachers must report concerns about radicalisation to the police and are committing an offence if they don't

**Reality:** There are no mandatory reporting requirements.

Teachers should follow normal safeguarding procedures and act appropriately if they have concerns.

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Or for further information go to:

<https://www.bury.gov.uk/privacy/service-privacy-notice/prevent-and-channel-panel-privacy-notice>



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## Upcoming training

### Prevent duty training:

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

- How young people and adults are radicalised.
- The signs of radicalisation.
- Local and national tensions
- How Prevent supports safeguarding vulnerable individuals against extremism and radicalisation.
- What to do if you think a person is being radicalised.

Upcoming Online WRAP sessions are:

- 17 October - 6-7pm

Face to face workshops are encouraged by The Home Office and these can be booked to suit via the address below. To book a place, please contact [prevent@bury.gov.uk](mailto: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://www.safeevents.org.uk/)

<https://events.zoom.us/j/9J2FJjr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg>

### September

- 8 September at 2pm, **Live talk Women's Safety** Talk at The Niland Conference Centre, Bushey - with Hertsmere BC and Herts Police
- 12 September 2pm, **Webinar - Past terror attacks – Lesson learned** (learning from past incidents)
- 17 September 2pm, **Webinar - Organising Security** (security & risk management)
- 25 September 12:30pm, **Webinar - Basic Security for your Community** with the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC)



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](mailto:channel.project@gmp.police.uk)

For further information please visit [www.bury.gov.uk/prevent](http://www.bury.gov.uk/prevent) or email [prevent@bury.gov.uk](mailto:prevent@bury.gov.uk)

## Useful Resources

- [www.protectuk.police.uk/](http://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](http://www.bury.gov.uk/prevent) or email [prevent@bury.gov.uk](mailto:prevent@bury.gov.uk)