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Bury Prevent Newsletter


Welcome to the August edition of the Bury Prevent newsletter.

The focus of Prevent is to safeguard individuals from all forms of hateful extremism—by creating environments where concerns can be recognised early, and support offered before harm occurs.

Prevent forms part of the Government's wider counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST, and works towards three main goals:

 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.

Together, through awareness and early action, we can protect vulnerable people and strengthen our communities against all forms of radicalisation.

Hello from Roy Thickett and Bury Council

As summer reaches its peak, August brings both sunshine and reflection to our community. It's a time for connection, resilience, and working together to keep Bury safe and united. In this edition, we share updates on local initiatives, highlight stories of positive change, and offer practical tools to help!

Whether you're a partner, practitioner, parent, or young person, there's something here for you. Let's work together to challenge extremism, promote understanding, and build a stronger, safer Bury!

“In August, the sun writes its final golden chapters.”

E. Rowan

This month, we're focusing on online safety resources for staff working with young people.

From interactive games to lesson-ready activities, these tools help start important conversations about navigating the internet safely, spotting potential dangers in online gaming, and understanding the risks of radicalisation. Whether you're in a classroom, youth group, or pastoral role, these resources offer practical ways to guide and protect the young people you work with.

You can contact Roy by email to prevent@bury.gov.uk or call 07581020228

Or for further information go to:

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



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Staying Safe Online

Resources for schools and pupils

Online gaming and internet use can be fun and engaging, but it's important for young people to recognise potential risks — from unsafe interactions to radicalisation.

To help raise awareness, we're sharing three valuable resources for schools and pupils:

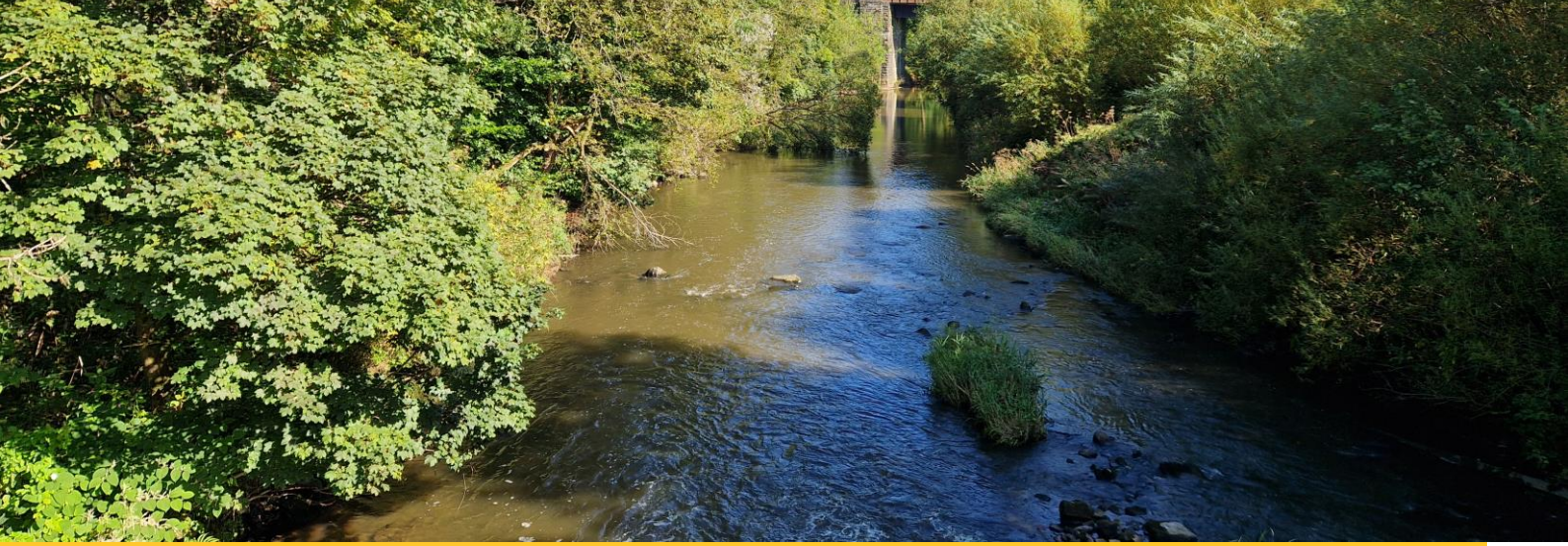
Level Up Your Online Safety 🎮💡

The internet and online games can be amazing places to explore, learn, and have fun — but just like in real life, there can be dangers too. From strangers who aren't who they say they are, to people trying to pull you into harmful ideas, it's important to know how to spot the risks and stay safe.

Check out these interactive resources:

- Play the Prevent Game – Make choices for a character and see where their online journey takes them, while learning how to get help: Play here: <https://www.shoutoutuk.org/game/story.html>
- Educate Against Hate – Clear tips and advice to help you recognise and resist dangerous influences online: Visit here: <https://educateagainsthate.com/>
- Going Too Far? – Real-life examples and fun activities about online extremism and the law: Explore here: <https://www.goingtoofar.org.uk/>

You have the power to make smart choices online — so play safe, think smart, and look out for each other. 👁️



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Did you know?

Support hub for victims and survivors of terrorism

The government has launched a tender to establish a new, trauma-informed Support Hub for victims and survivors of terrorism.

Running 24/7, the hub will offer long-term care to those affected – whether the incident took place in the UK or abroad – and reflects lessons learned from survivors and international best practice.

Funded by Pool Re, the UK's leading terrorism reinsurer, the hub is part of the government's Plan for Change and its wider CONTEST counter-terrorism strategy.

The initiative aims to prioritise both emotional recovery and community resilience alongside existing economic measures.

More information can be found <https://victimsofterrorism.campaign.gov.uk/>

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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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 Toolkit for Local Authorities

A refreshed Prevent Duty Toolkit is now available to help Local Authorities meet their duty under the Counterterrorism and Security Act (2015).

A new toolkit shares examples of good practice, highlights benchmarks, and supports a more consistent approach to Prevent delivery. It complements—but doesn't replace—statutory guidance.

The toolkit can be found at:

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

Notice. Check. Share.

A new section also outlines the 'Notice, Check, Share' process to help professionals respond to radicalisation concerns:

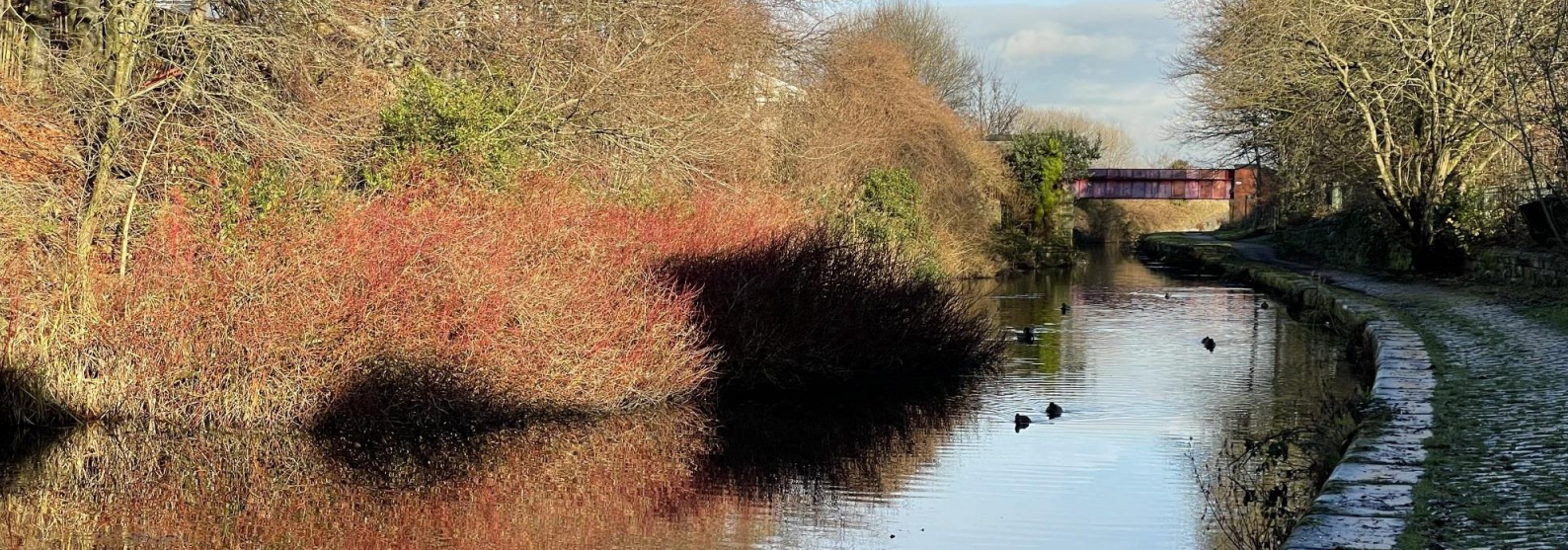
- Notice – something concerning in behaviour or views.
- Check – with your safeguarding lead to gather context.
- Share – make a referral using the National Prevent Referral Form.

Safeguarding is everyone's business, and it is important to respond to any concerns through a Prevent referral, including with regards to any fascination with violence, even in the absence of a specific extremist ideology.

What this means for Bury

Bury Council should review these updates and consider implementing any recommendations not already in place.

 Need more info? Contact: prevent@bury.gov.uk



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Guidance: get help for radicalisation

Since the start of 2017, agencies and law enforcement have disrupted 39 late-stage plots and there have been 15 domestic terror attacks.

These terrorist attacks have sadly demonstrated that the public may be targeted at a broad range of public venues and spaces.

What Is CONTEST – and Why Does It Matter?

The UK Government's CONTEST strategy is designed to prevent terrorism before it starts—as well as respond swiftly and effectively when threats arise.

At the heart of this strategy is the Counter-Terrorism Operations Centre (CTOC), which brings together law enforcement, education, social care, and international partners to stop terrorism and protect communities.

◆ The Four Pillars of CONTEST:

- **Prevent** – stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
- **Pursue** – stop attacks before they happen, in the UK and abroad.
- **Protect** – strengthen security at home and in public spaces.
- **Prepare** – reduce the impact of attacks and prevent repeat incidents.

Beyond these pillars, the government also:

- Works with tech companies to tackle online radicalisation
- Strengthens border security
- Supports public and private sectors to report concerns and stay safe



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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)







NEW: Home Office Level 3 Prevent Training (Replaces WRAP)


The Home Office's new face to face Level 3 Prevent Training replaces the old WRAP course and is aimed at frontline professionals and community groups who have direct contact with young people and members of the public in a caseload or direct setting. Includes sectors like education, alternative education, holiday clubs, health, social care, housing, and justice.

This free, advanced session helps you understand how to spot the signs of radicalisation and respond safely through a multi-agency approach.

What You'll Learn

By the end of the workshop, you'll:

-  Understand what Prevent and Channel are.
-  Recognise risk factors and signs of radicalisation.
-  Know how Prevent applies to your role.
-  Learn to use the Notice, Check, Share approach.
-  Understand local risks and referral pathways.
-  Feel confident about what to do if you're concerned.

 Open to all staff.

To book a place or to discuss please contact prevent@bury.gov.uk



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Upcoming webinars

Held 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.safe.org.uk/events)

<https://events.zoom.us/j/9J2FJjr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5l06Dg>

September

10 Sept - 1pm - **Hate Crime** (the complexity of hate crime)

18 Sept - 6pm - **Exploring the Far Right** (the state of the far right in the UK)

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
- Public Consultation on New Laws – preparing and protecting against attacks
<https://matomo.protectuk.police.uk/a9e085>
- Prevent and Channel factsheet - Home Office
<https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/>
- Signs of radicalisation? ACT Early
<https://actearly.uk/>
- 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 – Prevent Education Handbook shared with Designated Safeguarding Leads

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