

December 2024

Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to December'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!

Merry Christmas and wishing everyone a happy and peaceful New Year! Best wishes from Bury's Prevent Team for 2025!.



In December's newsletter we are going to look at Counter Terrorism Policing's winter campaign launched to keep the public safe this winter whilst enjoying themselves at Christmas markets, parties and shopping.



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Counter Terrorism Policing's winter campaign

You can play your part by promoting the campaign using our Winter toolkit.

Unfortunately, we know that these events and venues could be attractive targets for terrorist activity. That's why Counter Terrorism Policing is collaborating with event organisers and businesses across the UK to help keep the public safe this winter.

The winter vigilance campaign is now in its fourth year, and over that period, has reassured and encouraged members of the public, when attending Christmas festivities over the winter period, to trust their instincts and tell staff, security or police or report online if something doesn't feel right.

Over the years, CT Policing's campaigns have reached millions of people. Promoting the winter campaign is also a powerful way of using communications as an extra layer of protective security for businesses and venues, at no extra cost.

Recent results from CTPHQ's summer 2024 campaign showed that members of the public felt 'there is a need to increase general security at venues, major events and on busy high streets with more than three quarters of the respondents saying 'businesses and venues need to assure their customers that they are taking extra security precautions.'

You can play your part by promoting the campaign using the new toolkit launched on ProtectUK

<https://www.protectuk.police.uk/wintertoolkit>

The toolkit includes free content for event organisers, venues and businesses to use on their websites, social media channels, big screens and more.

It has content tailored for specific channels, such as digital screens around Christmas markets and football stadiums, social media content and posters for internal use or at venues.

We encourage you to share the content on your social media channels, on the big screens at your events, on posters at your venue, in email correspondence with your visitors and on your website.

A huge thank you to those who have already started using our assets.

By sharing our content and vigilance messaging we are ensuring that the wider public are aware of what to do if they see something that doesn't feel right and helping keep everyone safe.

Together we can help to keep the public safe this winter. More info below:

<https://matomo.integrate.protectuk.police.uk/8dcfda>



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Bury's New Reducing Permissive Training Package

Bury's new training package for Reducing Permissive Environments which has been especially designed to support venues hiring out their facilities in Bury.

Bury Council reserves the right, in its discretion, not to hire meeting rooms to organisations or individuals that do not confirm to Prevent guidelines around responsible booking guidance or where it is not satisfied that the safety of the buildings and public can be ensured.

The new 45 min interactive workshop has been co designed and approved by The Bury Prevent team alongside DFE Education Prevent.

This training will help support and upskill staff & volunteers to understand what a permissive environment is

Upskilled to be aware of correct booking procedures on due diligence around venue hire and to consider the potential for any risks that need to be managed when taking venue bookings for event.

With this training package staff and volunteers will have a shared understanding of correct venue hire, booking process and the Ask Check Decide procedure.

Allowing staff and volunteers to be confident in their decision to accept a room booking or support an activity and whether to take further action is their team's or organisation's responsibility.

For further information to book training or a discussion please contact Roy Thickett on prevent@bury.gov.uk

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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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.

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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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.



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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

Bury Prevent trainers have recently completed the Home Office skills development training and have authorised access to the new National platform. The current training is approx 2.5 hours / 3 hours in length and is valid for attendees for 3 years. The new tailorable delivery deck provides trainers with the content to deliver sessions, and a facilitator guide that gives trainers insight on the most effective means of preparing and delivering the content as well as more detailed discussions, including on how to make high-quality and relevant referrals.

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:

- 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://www.safeevents.org/)

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

- 23 Jan – 2pm, Event Security (appropriate security measures to ensure the safety of large numbers of people)
- 29 Jan – 12.30pm, Hostile Reconnaissance (the information gathering phase of at-tack planning) with MOPAC London
- 4 Feb – 2pm, Safeguarding Awareness (introduction to safeguarding and how you can play your part)
- 12 Feb – noon, School Security (we share our experience of keeping schools, and children, secure)
- 20 Feb noon, Past terror attacks – Lesson learned (learning from past incidents)
- 26 Feb 2pm, Organising Security (security & risk management)

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

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