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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.

Welcome to 2026!

"January is the perfect time to reset, recharge, and renew your focus on what truly matters."

Joseph Martorano

Welcome back to our first newsletter of 2026, and a very Happy New Year to all our partners, colleagues and community members across Bury.

We hope you had a safe and restful break and are feeling refreshed for the year ahead!

In January's edition, we're focusing on the newly refreshed Bury Council Prevent Training Programme, which is open to anyone living or working in Bury.

Whether you're a professional, volunteer, community leader or resident, the programme offers accessible training to help build awareness, confidence and understanding of Prevent as a safeguarding responsibility.

As we move into 2026, we remain committed to working collaboratively with our communities and partners to strengthen early intervention, promote resilience, and ensure safeguarding support is clear, proportionate and accessible to all.



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New: GM Level 2 Prevent and Channel Workshop

Bury is proud to announce we have adopted a Manchester-designed and GM adopted Level 2 Prevent and Channel workshop to complement the Home Office Level 3 Advanced Prevent training.

While the Home Office Level 3 Advanced provides the statutory framework, national policy context and core Prevent requirements, the Manchester Level 2 workshop adds a practical, locally focused layer.

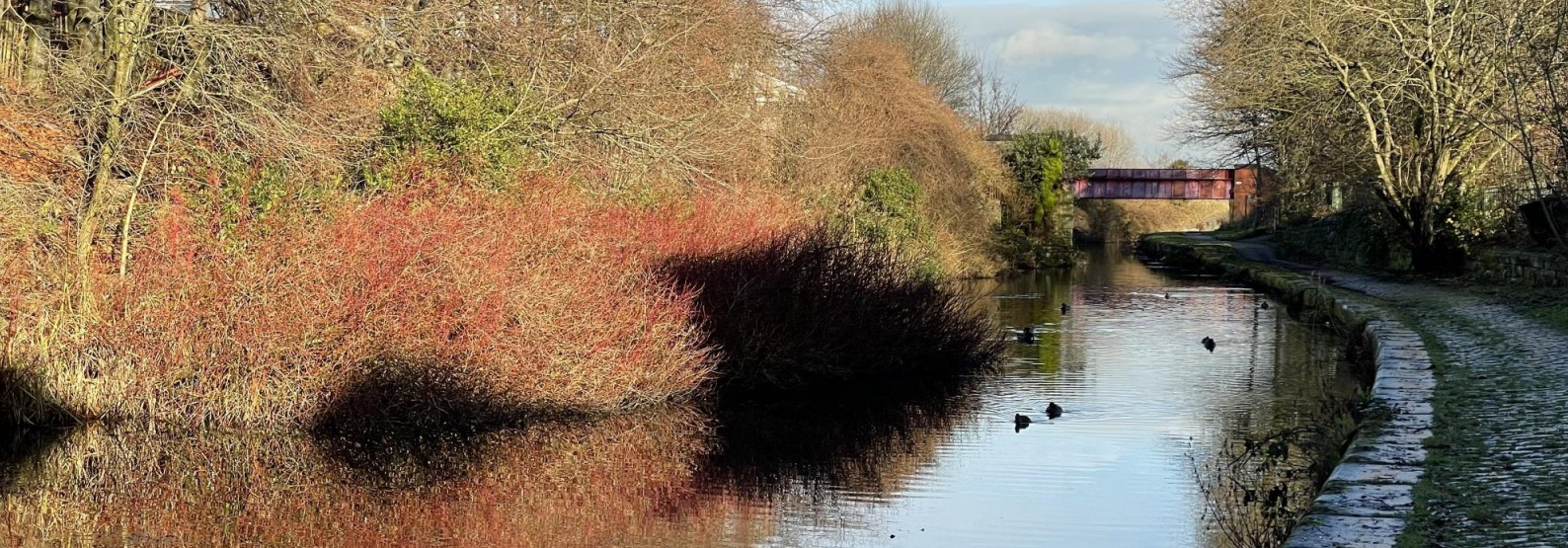
The session is interactive and case-study based, helping practitioners to:

- ⌚ Apply Prevent and Channel principles to real-world scenarios
- ⌚ Understand Greater Manchester and local risk profiles
- ⌚ Build confidence using the **Notice, Check, Share** approach
- ⌚ Explore local referral pathways and multi-agency decision-making
- ⌚ Strengthen professional judgement when managing complex safeguarding concerns

Together, these level 2 & Level 3 courses ensure frontline staff and safeguarding leads have both the national understanding and the local, practical confidence needed to respond effectively to concerns about radicalisation.

👉 See the [Tiered Training Matrix – Bury Council](#) to check which level training is right for your role.

✉ For bookings and enquiries: Prevent@bury.gov.uk



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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.

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.

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/11/section/1>

Are you concerned about someone who is at risk of radicalisation?

If you have any concerns about someone and would like more advice you can contact:

For a pre-discussion and information and guidance around the suitability of submitting a referral for Channel you can contact CTPNW (Counter Terrorism Policing North-West). (CTPNW)

They can advise and support on whether the referral will be appropriate.

🕒 Tel: 0161 856 6362

🕒 Email: project@gmp.police.uk

🕒 Local Authority Prevent team: prevent@bury.gov.uk

Alternatively contact the police confidentially on the Anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789 321.

If you think the threat is imminent, please call the police immediately on 999.

Any information, advice or concern will be handled with sensitivity and where possible anonymity will be maintained.

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



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

These workshops are a great chance to build awareness, ask questions, and strengthen community resilience.

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



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

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

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