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# Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to July'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 July! Most people are deep into the summer break – the month is packed with holidays, special events and unique themes that reflects the season's warmth and excitement!

“Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August.”

Jenny Han

In July's newsletter we are going to look at the new rollout of a revised National Prevent Referral Form (NRF).

This amendment is part of the Home Office response to the recommendations of the Independent Review of prevent which strives to improve the consistency, quality and information available for all referrals.



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## The updated Prevent national referral form

[Prevent is a national programme](#) that aims to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

It works to ensure that people who are susceptible to radicalisation are offered appropriate interventions, and communities are protected against radicalising influences.

Local Authorities and key stakeholders are expected to have the revised Prevent Referral Form in place for use from 1st August 2024 at the latest.

It is available here: <https://www.bury.gov.uk/asset-library/prevent-national-referral-form-2024.pdf> and once completed should be sent to [channel.project@gmp.police.uk](mailto:channel.project@gmp.police.uk)

There are three key changes in the new Prevent NRF:

1. The new form encourages the person submitting the referral to provide as much information as possible about their concern to make sure that specialist officers can make an effective assessment of the Prevent risk and improve data recording.
2. The questions and terminology have been updated to reflect an updated understanding of susceptibility to radicalisation and to encourage the referrer to consider behaviours and circumstances which could form part of the concern.
3. Accessibility has been improved and the form is now easier to read.

If there is a concern about potential radicalisation into terrorism or reason to believe that someone is

susceptible to radicalisation, specified authorities should use the NRF to make a referral to the police.

The Prevent National Referral Form helps to achieve consistency of outcome in making Prevent referrals.

As set out in statutory [Prevent duty guidance](#), specified authorities should use the NRF as part of their referral process.

People completing the form are advised to only provide personal data (such as information about a person's ethnicity or religion) which is already known from an official source or was provided by the person in question.

This information will not be used to assess whether a referral should be adopted. Personal data is collected to support our obligations under the Equality Act and may be used for evaluation and analysis purposes.

### Further information

#### Prevent referral form to follow

#### Get help for radicalisation concerns

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-if-youre-worried-about-someone-being-radicalised>

#### Prevent duty guidance

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pr-event-duty-guidance/prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales-accessible>

#### Prevent duty toolkit for local authorities

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pr-event-duty-toolkit-for-local-authorities/prevent-duty-toolkit-for-local-authorities-accessible>



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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?

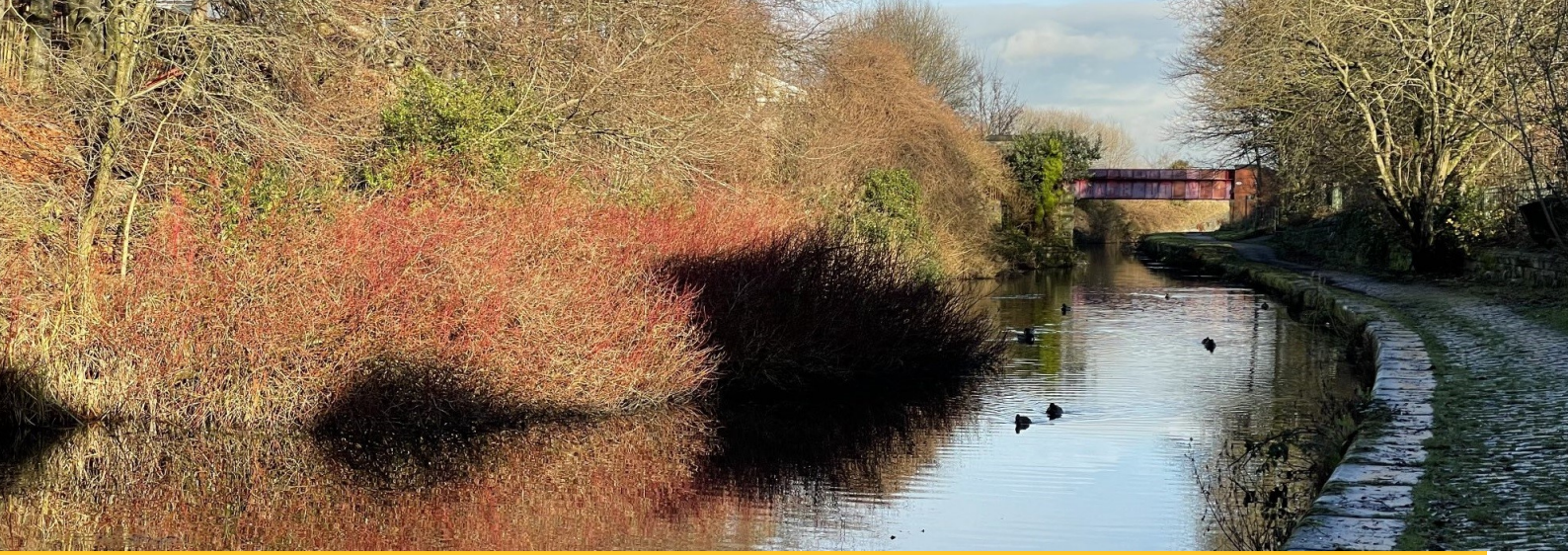
Terrorism is defined in Section 1 Terrorism Act 2000 as the use or threat of action designed to:

- 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 stunts freedom of speech in colleges because students are afraid of expressing their beliefs.

**Fact:** Prevent does not inhibit free speech — the statutory guidance specifically reminds providers of their duty to ensure freedom of speech.

Colleges face the same requirement as always: to balance free speech with the safety and security of their staff and students.

Prevent does not affect laws against hate speech and colleges' duties to enforce them.

We recognise that further education providers have an important role to play in promoting debate and discussion around the sensitive issues of radicalisation and extremism, and challenging views which are incompatible with our shared values.



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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.zoom.us/j/9J2FJjr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg)

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

- 24 July 7pm, Safeguarding Awareness (introduction to safeguarding and how you can play your part)
- 30 July 12:30pm, School Security (we share our experience of keeping schools, and children, secure)



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)