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# Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to June'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

As we move into the summer season, this edition of the Prevent newsletter offers key information, support, and guidance for safeguarding our communities across Bury.

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:

-  Tackling the ideological causes of terrorism.
-  Intervening early to support individuals susceptible to radicalisation.
-  Enabling those already engaged in extremism to disengage and make positive behavioural change.

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



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## Safeguarding in the Summer

### Staying safe as school winds down

As we approach the end of the academic year, our focus turns to ensuring that young people remain safe and supported as they transition into the summer break. With increased unstructured time, online activity, and varying routines, this can be a vulnerable period for some students.

This edition of the Prevent newsletter explores key issues staff, parents, and carers should be aware of, along with resources to support our shared safeguarding duty. Together, we can create safe environments that build resilience and protect against radicalisation and harm.

**“It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.”**

**Frederick Douglass**

### Spotting the Signs Before Summer

As schools wind down, it's crucial to remain alert to changes in behaviour, particularly in students showing signs of isolation, withdrawal, or heightened emotional distress.

Keep an eye out for:

- Increased interest in divisive ideologies or conspiracy theories
- A sudden rejection of friends, family, or authority figures.
- Secretive behaviour, especially online.
- Use of extremist language or symbols.

### Online Safety for Parents & Carers

Unsupervised online time can expose young people to radicalising content, hate speech, and online grooming. Encourage parents to:

- Set clear digital boundaries.
- Use parental controls and filters.
- Engage in open, judgment-free conversations about what their children see online.

 Useful resource: <https://www.internetmatters.org>

 CEOP Parent Support Tools: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>





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### Wellbeing as a Protective Factor

Good mental health is one of the most effective forms of early intervention. Stress from exams or peer pressure can be exploited by those seeking to manipulate or radicalise.

<https://www.kooth.com/>

### Promote:

- Access to pastoral or counselling services.
- Stress-relief activities (yoga, journaling, exercise, walking, sport, quiet zones).
- Peer mentoring or safe space groups.

### Staff CPD & Training

Continue to build confidence in Prevent practice with a quick refresher:

 Home Office Prevent E-Learning: <https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk>

### Key Dates to Note in July – Prevent & Hate Crime Awareness

Here are some key July events and observances that support Prevent work and raise awareness around hate crime, inclusion, and safeguarding. These dates offer valuable opportunities for engagement, education, and community cohesion.

#### Sparkle Weekend (Manchester) – 2nd week of July

A celebration of the transgender community and a chance to promote inclusivity and challenge hate.

#### Pride in London – Early July (first weekend)

One of the UK's largest LGBTQ+ events, offering an opportunity to support allyship and anti-hate initiatives.

#### Racial Justice, Equity & Power Conference – 9 July 2025

An education and activism-focused conference addressing racism—ideal for staff development or PSHE tie-ins.

#### Racial and Religious Hatred Act Anniversary – 11 July

A reminder of key legal protections and a chance to reinforce reporting routes and awareness.

For further information, training opportunities, or to connect with your local Prevent team, please contact [prevent@bury.gov.uk](mailto: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.



### New Prevent Duty 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).

This 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. 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](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. Check. Share.

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

- **Implications for Bury:** 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.



### What This Means for Bury

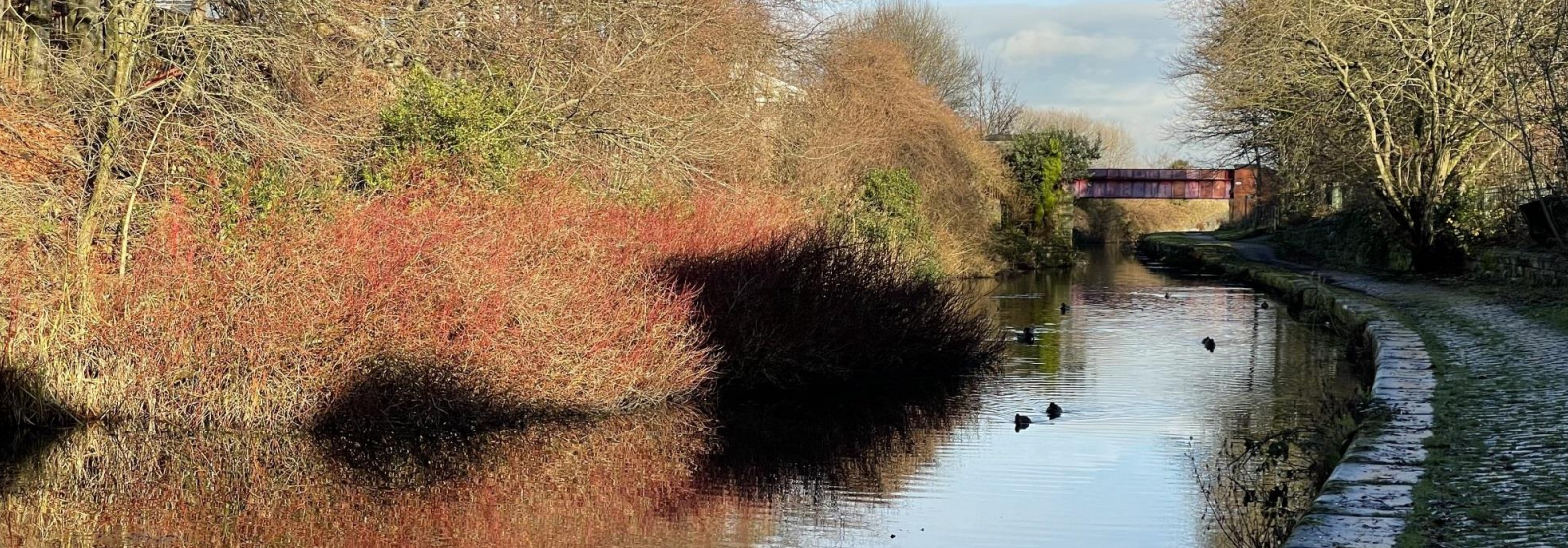
Bury Council should review these updates and consider implementing any recommendations not already in place.



Need more info?

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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

## 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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## 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 staff 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](mailto: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://events.zoom.us/j/9J2FJjr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5l06Dg)

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

🕒 2 July at 2pm, **Lone Actors** (new - the threat of mixed, unstable and unknown ideologies)

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)