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# Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to May'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.

As we bid farewell to the cold winter months and welcome the warmth of spring May has finally arrived. With its blooming flowers, chirping birds, and longer days, May is a month that symbolises new beginnings, growth, and fresh starts!

*'May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope'*

Emily Bronte.

In May's newsletter we are going to look at the Protect UK app and its new interactive e-learning online Act for Education.

The Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) for Education e-learning is bespoke training aimed at all staff working in education settings (Early Years through to the Further and Higher Education).

The seven modules in this course focus on embedding a security minded culture, identifying security vulnerabilities and suspicious activity, and responding to incidents.



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## Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) for Education e-learning

**Information for all education settings: launch of the ACT for Education e-learning and the Protective Security and Preparedness guidance**

The Department for Education has launched the [Action Counters Terrorism \(ACT\) for Education e-Learning course](#) and the [Protective Security and Preparedness for education settings guidance](#), developed in collaboration with the National Counter-Terrorism Security Office and sector partners.

The e-learning course is aimed at those working in education settings focusing on embedding a security minded culture, identifying security vulnerabilities and suspicious activity and responding to incidents.

**To access this course, users will need to create a free account with ProtectUK**

The non-statutory guidance includes advice on developing response plans, testing and exercising and communications, and is aimed at all those who have responsibilities for keeping learners safe, safeguarding leads and security leads.

To access the eLearning please click the link below:

[Action Counters Terrorism \(ACT\) for Education e-Learning course](#)

### Did you know?

#### What does Protect UK do?

Whether you are a business owner, work in security, or are a member of the public, ProtectUK provides vital counter terrorism security information including training materials, protective guidance and campaign toolkits.



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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 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](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](mailto:prevent@bury.gov.uk) for more in-depth of information on any of the recommendations, including best practice.



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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

There is a stigma attached to Prevent which will follow you wherever you go. If you are referred to Prevent it will show up on your DBS checks. Information about the referral or you in any related capacity will not be disclosed to future education establishments or employers. The Prevent Programme does not criminalise anyone, it is an intervention that can be made to help to safeguard individuals. It will not create any barriers for your future.



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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

This training is 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 includes:

- 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:

- 18 July - 6-7pm
- 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 more information and to book onto sessions: [SAFE Events Hub \(zoom.us\)](https://www.safeevents.com/)

- 15 May 6pm, Women's safety (useful tips to keep you safe)
- 23 May 2pm, Online Security (protecting yourself and your community from online threats)
- 29 May 6pm, Exploring the Far Right (the state of the far right in the UK)
- 4 June 2pm, Conflict Management (communication, spotting escalation and de-escalation techniques)
- 20 June noon, Basic Security (raise your awareness of community security)
- 2 July 6pm, Incels (asking the question - are they villains or victims?)
- 8 July 6pm, Event Security with MOPAC London



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

**Scan this QR code to find out more**

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You can contact Roy by email to [prevent@bury.gov.uk](mailto:prevent@bury.gov.uk) or call 07581020228

Or for further information go to:

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



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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)