



May 2025

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

Welcome to the May edition of our Prevent newsletter.

As we approach a season filled with community events, celebrations, and gatherings, it's a timely reminder of the importance of working together to safeguard our communities from the threat of radicalisation.

"May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears."

Nelson Mandela

This month, we're highlighting key updates, partnership work, and national campaigns focused on early intervention and support.

Prevent remains a vital part of our shared efforts to protect vulnerable individuals and promote safer, stronger communities across Bury.



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Keeping the public safe this summer

Let this month be a month of courage, compassion, and positive action in our communities

As we head into the busy summer season, we're supporting Counter Terrorism Policing's latest campaign to help keep our communities safe. With large public events, festivals, and gatherings on the horizon, it's more important than ever that we remain vigilant and work together to prevent terrorism in all its forms.

Through the Prevent programme, we're committed to early intervention—supporting individuals before they become involved in harmful activity and strengthening community resilience.

Everyone has a role to play in keeping Bury safe this summer.

**IF YOU SEE
SOMETHING
THAT DOESN'T
FEEL RIGHT**

**Tell security or report
at gov.uk/ACT**

We'll handle the rest
In an emergency, call 999

ACT ACTION
COUNTERS
TERRORISM

Enjoy a safe and memorable summer and download the new toolkit for important safety messages encouraging the public to trust their instincts and report anything that doesn't feel right. It includes free content to use on your website, social media, big screens and more. Whether it's sports, music, Pride or outdoor gatherings, there is something for your event.

Thanks for your help keeping the public safe this summer!

<https://matomo.protectuk.police.uk/e0375c>

For further information, training opportunities, or to connect with your local Prevent team, please contact 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:

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_toolkkit_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.

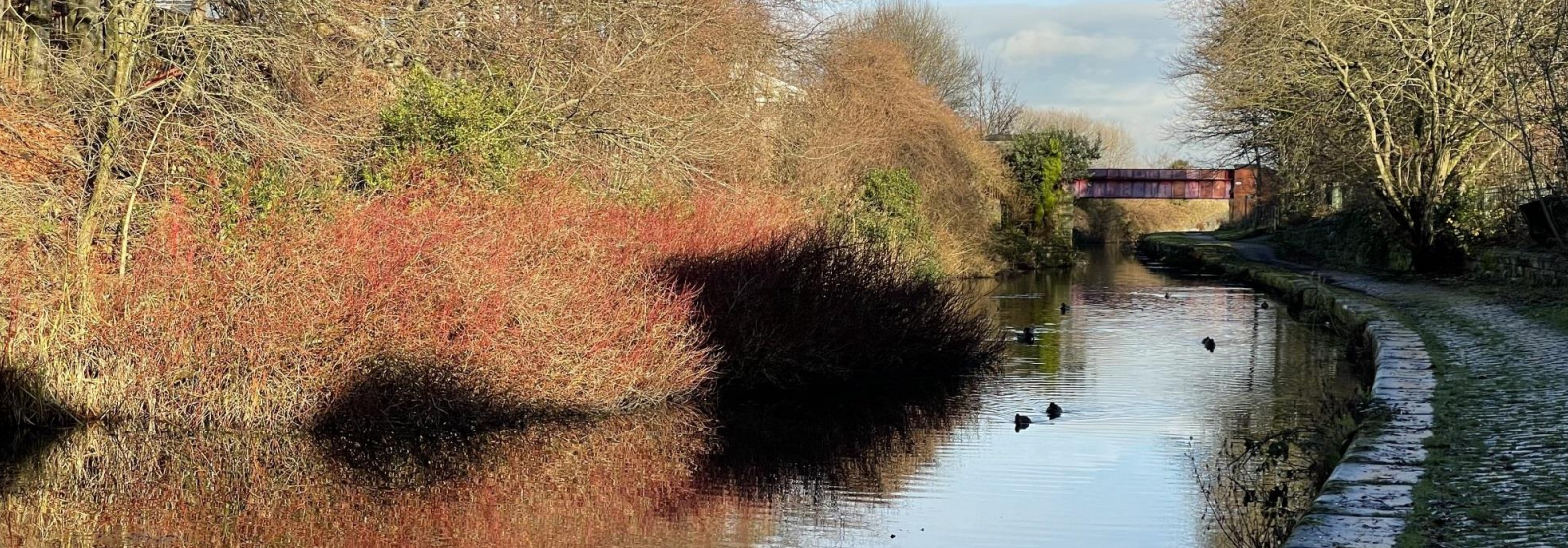
Notice - any concerning behaviour, including signs of radicalisation as included in the guidance

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.



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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 or 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.

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)

Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) Training

WRAP (Workshop to Raise Awareness around Prevent) is a Level 3 advanced 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 & 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 by the end of this training attendees should:

- 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://events.zoom.us/j/9J2FJjr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5l06Dg)

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

- 29 at 2pm, **Safeguarding Awareness** (introduction to safeguarding and how you can play your part)
- 5 at noon, **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

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

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