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Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to November'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!

It's November – 'Autumn'... the year's last, loveliest smile



“They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,

We will remember them

Laurence Binyan

In November's newsletter we are going to look at Bury's new training package for Reducing Permissive Environments which has been especially designed to support venues hiring out their facilities in Bury.



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New training package for Reducing Permissive Environments

Bury Council reserves the right, in its discretion, not to hire meeting rooms to organisations or individuals that do not confirm to Prevent guidelines around responsible booking guidance or where it is not satisfied that the safety of the buildings and public can be ensured.

The National Prevent Duty places a mandatory requirement that Bury Council to ensure that publicly owned venues and resources do not provide a platform for extremists and are not used to disseminate extremist views.

Bury Council ensure their venues are not used by those whose views would draw people into terrorism, by ensuring that rigorous booking systems are in place and staff responsible for them are trained to know what to do if they have suspicions.

This includes ensuring venues or IT equipment are not used by speakers and groups who spread extremist narratives which could reasonably be linked to terrorism.

What is a Permissive Environment?

Prevent seeks to tackle the ideological causes of hateful extremism and terrorism by limiting exposure to radicalising narratives. This includes online and offline platforms. Bury Council aim to create an environment where radicalising ideologies are challenged and not given platforms in the town to flourish. Established terrorist narratives exhibit common themes such as antisemitism, misogyny, anti-establishment, anti-LGBT grievances and

religious or ethnic superiority.

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Bury's New Reducing Permissive Training Package

The new 45 min interactive workshop has been co designed and approved by The Bury Prevent team alongside DFE Education Prevent.

This training will help support and upskill staff & volunteers to understand what a permissive environment is and to be aware of correct booking procedures on due diligence around venue hire and to consider the potential for any risks that need to be managed when taking venue bookings for event.

With this training package staff and volunteers will have a shared understanding of correct venue hire, booking process and the Ask Check Decide procedure. Allowing staff and volunteers to be confident in their decision to accept a room booking or support an activity and whether to take further action is their teams / organisations responsibility.

For further information to book training or a discussion please contact Roy Thickett at prevent@bury.gov.uk



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GM Practitioner Network

In addition to the training offer (left) we are pleased to announce the launch of the Greater Manchester (GM) Prevent Practitioner Network.

The Network is an exciting new opportunity to bring together practitioners from across GM and from a range of backgrounds.

This offer is aimed at frontline practitioners with a responsibility for delivering Prevent and/or working with vulnerable people and communities across GM.

The Network will focus on learning and development in Prevent and related policy areas, while providing a safe space for conversations between practitioners.

It aims to build practitioner resilience and ensure consistent responses across Greater Manchester by developing a better understanding of the harms of radicalisation and the support available to effectively safeguard those susceptible to it.

Through quarterly virtual meetings and periodic newsletters, Network members will be kept up to date on local, regional, and national Prevent-related matters and connect with professionals and experts to access training, briefings, and networking opportunities.

Register here to become a member:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Xn3OsM2B-0eU9ydsYmt7Cb-XypEyFGVHiqwSCf3757VUNENYTKtUVkIOUFgzNIQ5UIFGRVA1TzdZWi4u>

Training for Safeguarding Leads & School Governors

During the remainder of 2024 and in early 2025, Department for Education Regional Prevent Coordinators will be delivering training sessions aimed at designated safeguarding leads and school governors to support them in understanding the Prevent duty and their safeguarding responsibilities in protecting young people from radicalisation and extremism.

Sessions are available to book here: Regional Prevent education coordinators - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regional-prevent-education-coordinators?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ResentSept2024#virtual-training-sessions

What support is available for discussing the violent disorder that followed the Southport attack?

Educate Against Hate

<https://www.educateagainsthate.com/support-is-available-for-discussing-the-violent-disorder-that-followed-the-sout>



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Did you know?

In 2024 the Bury Prevent Team has delivered WRAP level 3 training (Workshop to raise awareness around Prevent) to 535 individuals in schools and community groups in Bury.

The team has also offered free Home Office training to council staff, partners, community groups and volunteers around Small Steps Extreme Right wing, hateful Ideologies & Self-Initiated Terrorism.

The new 45 minute Reducing permissive Environment training is now live and open to any venue in Bury (see page 2).

For further information to book training or a discussion please contact Roy Thickett at prevent@bury.gov.uk

Addressing common myths about Prevent

Myth: There is no support available for schools to implement the Prevent duty.

Reality: To increase confidence of schools and childcare providers to implement the Prevent duty the Department for Education published advice on the Prevent duty.

The Educate Against Hate website also provides a wide range of information, materials and practical advice to parents, teachers and school leaders, including on how to protect children from extremism and radicalisation.

This includes DfE funded guidance and resources packs to help teachers lead knowledge-based debates on topics relating to extremism, fundamental British values and contemporary political and social issues.

There has been a significant increase in the number of face-to-face Prevent training sessions delivered in schools since the Prevent duty came into force. .



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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)

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.

What is Terrorism?

Terrorism is defined in Section 1 Terrorism Act 2000 (<https://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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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.



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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.

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



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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/9925106628)

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- 20 Nov - 7pm **Conflict Management** (communication, spotting escalation and de-escalation techniques)
- 26 Nov - 12.30pm **Security-Minded Communications** with MOPAC (Make your communications provide a very effective layer of protective security, at little or no cost)
- 28 Nov - 12pm **Incels** (asking the question - are they villains or victims?)

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