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Welcome to October'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 October! October truly stands out with autumn in full swing and the spookiest holiday, Halloween—on the horizon.



“The end of the summer is not the end of the world. Here's to October!”

A.A Milne

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NPSA Video on Public Realm Design Guide for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation

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It demonstrates some of the key messages in the existing guidance and explains how to mitigate the threats posed by vehicle attacks and techniques used by terrorists.

In recent years there have been several attacks on the public around the world using vehicles, causing deaths, injuries, and damage to property. Many towns and cities now deploy security barriers and other street furniture to help prevent attacks from vehicles.

To better protect people and property we need to integrate HVM into planning and site design. By reconfiguring a site layout, adapting existing features and by adding new mitigations, we could slow down approaching vehicles, restrict potential attack routes, and help save lives.

But it is also important that our surroundings remain open and inclusive, and that the addition of physical security measures designed to protect us are integrated and proportionate to the identified threat. NPSA's Public Realm Design Guide for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation guidance aims to provide clear and practical advice on how to recognise and manage the risks and provides urban design principles. It also includes guidance on the detailed design of typical streetscape elements.

What is the video in response to?

This video wasn't created in response to a specific incident or change in threat. The purpose of the video is to lead the audience to the guidance document and to be used to facilitate discussions during briefings or training exercises. Information on the current threat landscape can be found on the MI5 website:

<https://www.mi5.gov.uk/what-we-do/countering-terrorism>

Who is the video for?

It's aimed at architects and design professionals, their clients, Local Authorities, and venue managers and operators who are involved in the safety of the public realm and Publicly Accessible Locations (PALs).

Where can I find out more information?

Visit the NPSA website www.npsa.gov.uk and search for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation or the Public Realm Guide for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation.

To find out more and to view the video*, visit the Public Realm Design Guide for Hostile Vehicle Mitigation page: https://www.npsa.gov.uk/public-realm-design-guide-hostile-vehicle-mitigation-0?utm_source=media_pack&utm_medium=blog&utm_campaign=public_realm_design_guide&utm_content=npsa

*This film contains footage that some viewers may find distressing. Viewer discretion is advised.



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Did you know?



Odd Arts visited Holy Cross College during the week beginning 20th September 2024 to deliver a series of assemblies to approximately 2,400 students from both the lower sixth and upper sixth forms.

The sessions included a 15-minute play focusing on the themes of radicalisation and extremism. Following the performance, students were invited to ask questions and actively participate by re-enacting key scenes, exploring how different choices could have altered the outcomes.

Feedback from 983 students was extremely positive around the engagement and interaction from the actors with the students and how a very high percentage of students reported they gained a lot of information and advice from the play.

The students responded positively, with many commenting on the high quality of the acting and how effectively the message was communicated. Progress Tutors also expressed that the play was well-balanced, addressing two different types of radicalisation, which prompted deep reflection and meaningful discussions among the students.

This initiative contributed significantly to raising awareness and understanding of extremism and the importance of critical thinking in preventing radicalisation.

<https://oddarts.co.uk/here-and-nowradicalisation/>



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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=e-shot&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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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.

Addressing common myths about Prevent

Myth: The Prevent duty stunts freedom of speech in colleges because students are afraid of expressing their beliefs.

Reality: 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.

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.safeevents.org.uk/)

<https://events.zoom.us/j/9J2FJjr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5106Dg>

- 30 Oct - 7pm, **Online Security** (protecting yourself and your community from online threats)
- 7 Nov - 12pm, **Women's safety** (useful tips to keep you safe)
- 12 Nov - 2pm, **Exploring the Far Right** (the state of the far right in the UK)
- 20 Nov - 7pm, **Conflict Management** (communication, spotting escalation and de-escalation techniques)
- 26 Nov - 12.30pm, **Security-Minded Communications (New)** 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

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