



September 2024

Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to September'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.

Its September! hope everyone is settling into the new school term and taking lots of school uniform pics for the start of a new educational year!

“September is a month of fresh starts and new beginnings, a time to set and pursue fresh goals.”

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In September's newsletter we focus on information and training to help with the transition back into a new school and after the horrific attack in Southport at the end of July, and the violent disorder in its aftermath



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Supporting schools and colleges

The events in Southport and other towns and cities caused grave concern across the country.

Following the attack, rioting coordinated by right-wing extremists was initiated after the spread of misinformation about the perpetrator of the Southport attack.

This resulted in violent, racist and Islamophobic attacks on our communities by extremists.

Schools and colleges have a critical role to play in safeguarding children and promoting their welfare.

A vital part of this includes creating a safe, calm, and supportive environment for all pupils and that all children, no matter their faith or background, should feel safe at school or college.

Given the impact of what has happened, we know that you'll want to discuss what has happened since July 29 with learners once they return to school, and that it's likely many students will want to discuss these issues with their classmates.

Following the atrocious attack in Southport and subsequent riots, there have been a number of resources and articles posted on educate against hate.

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-southport-attack/?utm_source=e-shot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ResentSept2024



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:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regional-prevent-education-coordinators?utm_source=e-shot&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=ResentSept2024#virtual-training-sessions

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GM Practitioner Network

In addition to the training offer 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.

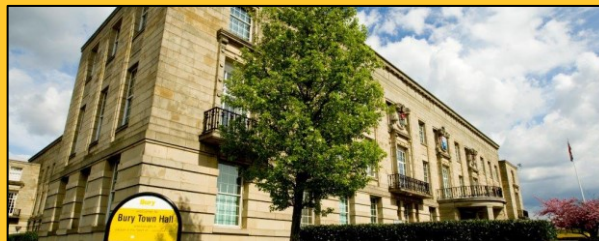
It aims to build practitioner resilience and ensure consistent responses across Greater Manchester by developing a better understanding of the harms of radicalisation and the support available to effectively safeguard those susceptible to it.

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-XypEyFGVHiqwSCf3757VUNENYTkUUVkIOUFgzNIQ5UIFGRVA1TzdZW4u>

Did you Know ?



Bury Council has recently delivered WRAP Training to more than 215 staff and volunteers from school caterers and a local primary school.

WRAP is designed for practitioners who have contact with people of all ages young & old) to safeguard them from violent extremism.

Andrew Cowan Senior Operations Manager said:

On Friday 30 August I invited Roy Thickett to present the WRAP training to our catering staff.

We currently have 260 employees in catering, and they work with children from the ages of 3 to 16.

Our staff hear conversations in the Dining Room with children so this training was great for our staff to listen out for key words that could present a safeguarding issue.



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

Reality: The Educate Against Hate website features a wide range of information, material and practical advice for teachers and school leaders, including ready-to-use lesson plans. The site also features information on what training there is available, including e-learning tools and face-to-face workshops. There is also plenty of information on Bury council's website www.bury.gov.uk/my-neighbourhood/safety-in-the-community/prevent



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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.

Upcoming Online WRAP sessions are:

- 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



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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~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg>

September

- 25 September 12:30pm, **Webinar - Basic Security for your Community** with the London Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC)

October

- 1 Oct - 2pm, Webinar Security-Minded CommunicationsNEW (Make your communications provide a very effective layer of protective security, at little or no cost)
- 8 Oct - 2pm, Webinar Countering Radicalisation and Changing Mindsets (How are people's minds changed towards radicalisation?)
- 14 Oct - 2pm, Webinar Hate Crime for National Hate Crime Awareness Week

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 or call 07581020228

Or for further information go to:

<https://www.bury.gov.uk/privacy/service-privacy-notices/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

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