



September 2025

Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to the September edition of the Bury Prevent newsletter.

The focus of Prevent is to safeguard individuals from all forms of hateful extremism - by creating environments where concerns can be recognised early, and support offered before harm occurs.

Prevent forms part of the Government's wider counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST, and works towards three main goals:

🧠 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.

Together, through awareness and early action, we can protect vulnerable people and strengthen our communities against all forms of radicalisation.

Hello from Roy Thickett and Bury Council

As we step into a new season, this month's issue brings you the latest updates, resources, and insights to help strengthen our collective safeguarding work. From upcoming training opportunities and key policy developments to stories of impact from across our community, we aim to keep you informed, supported, and connected in the vital role you play

Whether you're a partner, practitioner, parent, or young person, there's something here for you. Let's work together to challenge extremism, promote understanding, and build a stronger, safer Bury!

"When you are reluctant to change, think of the beauty of autumn."

V V Brown

Following the tragic Southport attack, Prevent has seen a sharp rise in referrals — particularly around cases of fascination with extreme violence or mass-casualty attacks.

In September's edition we're providing help and support for frontline professionals.



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Key principles of Prevent

The Home Office has published the Key Principles of Prevent, bringing together existing guidance, FAQs, and case studies. These principles don't introduce new policy but clarify long-standing practices tested with practitioners since 2019.

Key Points:

- ⌚ Prevent remains an early intervention programme to stop people being drawn into terrorism.
- ⌚ Ideology can be relevant, but it's not required for a Prevent referral.
- ⌚ Where terrorism isn't a concern, local support services should be considered.

Key Principles of Prevent: FAQs (at a glance)

Prevent is about stopping people from being drawn into terrorism. It works just like other safeguarding measures (protecting from abuse, gangs, or exploitation) and focuses on early support.

What's New?

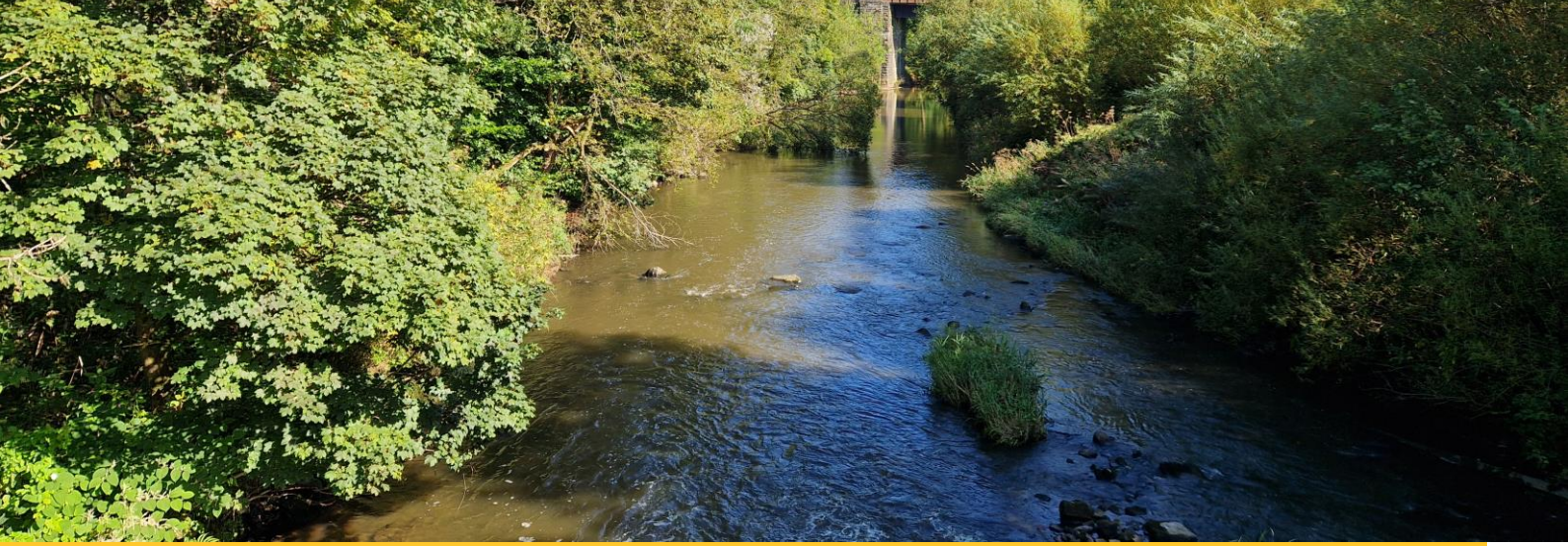
- ⌚ The Key Principles of Prevent (Sept 2025) clarify existing policy – they don't change it.
- ⌚ They help professionals make confident, consistent decisions about referrals.

FAQs

1. Why now?

To improve the quality of referrals and give professionals clearer guidance

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The key principles of Prevent

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2. Is this a change?

No – Prevent policy is the same. The Key Principles just explain it more clearly.

3. Does a person need a clear ideology?

No. Support can be given even if someone's ideology is unclear.

4. What if someone is fascinated with violence?

They may still be suitable for Prevent, especially if this links to risks of terrorism.

5. What about 'violence-fixated' individuals?

Prevent looks at terrorism risks. If violence fascination isn't linked to terrorism, local safeguarding services should step in.

6. Can Prevent support people with mental ill health or neurodivergence?

Yes. These factors can co-exist with radicalisation risk, but they shouldn't be reasons to dismiss concerns.

7. Can Prevent run alongside other safeguarding support?

Yes. Prevent works in partnership with existing services and always considers other support already in place.

👉 **For further guidance:**

[Prevent duty guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance) - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

[ACT Early](https://actearly.uk/) - <https://actearly.uk/>

[Channel & PMAP guidance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-and-prevent-multi-agency-panel-pmap-guidance) - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-and-prevent-multi-agency-panel-pmap-guidance>



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Channel Case Study



Every referral to Channel is an opportunity to provide early, tailored support that helps individuals make positive changes in their lives.

The following case study highlights how the right guidance can strengthen resilience, open new opportunities, and make a real difference.

TW, who is aged 14, is receiving treatment for depression, which has included suicidal thoughts.

Child and adolescent mental health services support has identified concerns regarding an increasing interest with committing mass casualty attack at their school, which seems to have increased since receiving a school suspension for violent behaviour.

TW recently disclosed engaging in chat rooms where they have been receiving encouragement to carry out these acts.

The desire to cause harm to self and others, interest in mass casualty attacks and potential external influences would make this a suitable case for referral into Prevent.



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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 Toolkit for Local Authorities

A refreshed Prevent Duty Toolkit is now available to help Local Authorities meet their duty under the Counterterrorism and Security Act (2015).

A new toolkit shares examples of good practice, highlights benchmarks, and supports a more consistent approach to Prevent delivery. It complements—but doesn't replace—statutory guidance.

The toolkit can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1182802/Prevent_duty_guidance_toolkit_for_local_authorities.pdf



Notice. Check. Share.

A new section also outlines the 'Notice, Check, Share' process to help professionals respond to radicalisation concerns:

- Notice – something concerning in behaviour or views.
- Check – with your safeguarding lead to gather context.
- Share – make a referral using the National Prevent Referral Form.

Safeguarding is everyone's business, and it is important to respond to any concerns through a Prevent referral, including with regards to any fascination with violence, even in the absence of a specific extremist ideology.

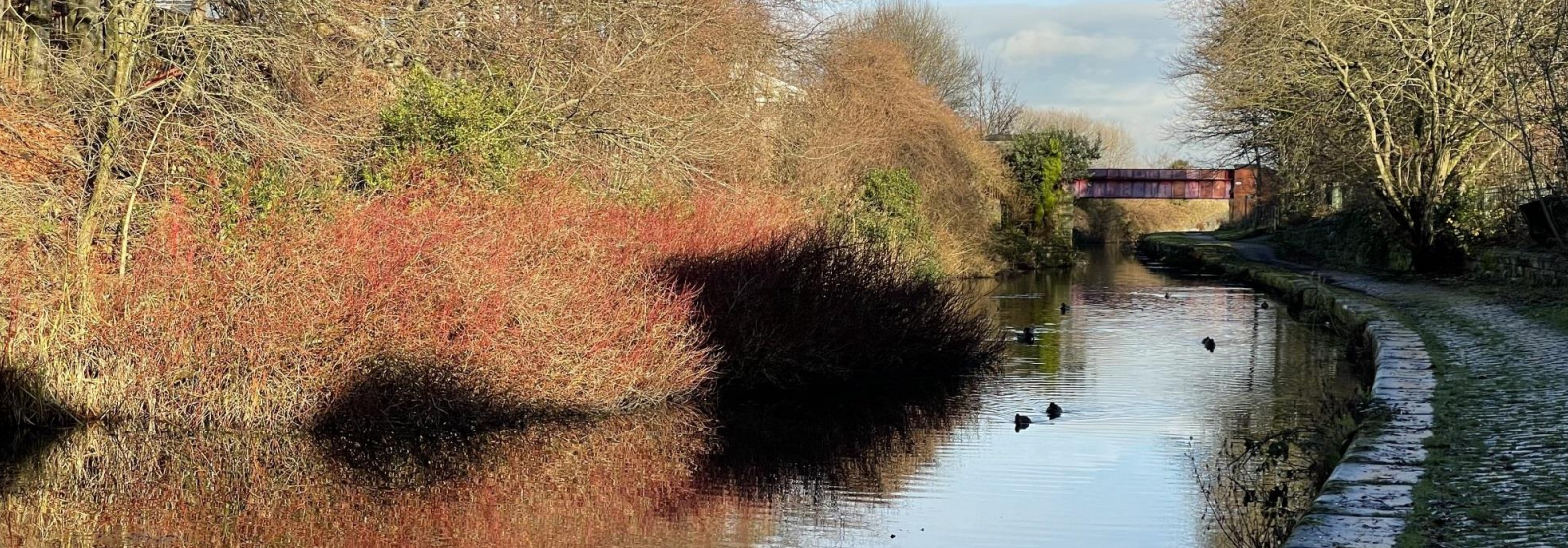


What this means for Bury

Bury Council should review these updates and consider implementing any recommendations not already in place.



Need more info? Contact: prevent@bury.gov.uk



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Guidance: get help for radicalisation

Since the start of 2017, agencies and law enforcement have disrupted 39 late-stage plots and there have been 15 domestic terror attacks.

These terrorist attacks have sadly demonstrated that the public may be targeted at a broad range of public venues and spaces.

What Is CONTEST – and Why Does It Matter?

The UK Government's CONTEST strategy is designed to prevent terrorism before it starts—as well as respond swiftly and effectively when threats arise.

At the heart of this strategy is the Counter-Terrorism Operations Centre (CTOC), which brings together law enforcement, education, social care, and international partners to stop terrorism and protect communities.

◆ The Four Pillars of CONTEST:

- **Prevent** – stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
- **Pursue** – stop attacks before they happen, in the UK and abroad.
- **Protect** – strengthen security at home and in public spaces.
- **Prepare** – reduce the impact of attacks and prevent repeat incidents.

Beyond these pillars, the government also:

- Works with tech companies to tackle online radicalisation
- Strengthens border security
- Supports public and private sectors to report concerns and stay safe

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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**TRAINING
THIS MONTH**



NEW: Home Office Level 3 Prevent Training (Replaces WRAP)


The Home Office's new face to face Level 3 Prevent Training replaces the old WRAP course and is aimed at frontline professionals and community groups who have direct contact with young people and members of the public in a caseload or direct setting. Includes sectors like education, alternative education, holiday clubs, health, social care, housing, and justice.

This free, advanced session helps you understand how to spot the signs of radicalisation and respond safely through a multi-agency approach.

What You'll Learn

By the end of the workshop, you'll:

- ⌚ Understand what Prevent and Channel are.
- ⌚ Recognise risk factors and signs of radicalisation.
- ⌚ Know how Prevent applies to your role.
- ⌚ Learn to use the Notice, Check, Share approach.
- ⌚ Understand local risks and referral pathways.
- ⌚ Feel confident about what to do if you're concerned.

 Open to all staff.

To book a place or to discuss please contact prevent@bury.gov.uk



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Free Community Safety Workshops

We're pleased to share two free face- face CST workshops designed for community groups, event organisers, and anyone working with young people or adults. Please share within your networks.

Martyn's Law – New Legislation


Overview of the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 and what it means for venues, events, and community safety.

 Tue 23 Oct |  10am–12pm

Incels

Understanding the incel subculture, online risks, and safeguarding challenges.

 Thu 28 Oct |  10am–12pm

 The Neuven Stadium, Radcliffe FC, M26 3PE

 Free entry, parking & refreshments

 Register here: bit.ly/SAFEeventbrite

 Limited places – book early!

These workshops are a great chance to build awareness, ask questions, and strengthen community resilience.

Upcoming webinars

Held 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://SAFEEventsHub.zoom.us)

<https://events.zoom.us/j/9J2FJjr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5I06Dg>

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
- Public Consultation on New Laws – preparing and protecting against attacks
<https://matomo.protectuk.police.uk/a9e085>
- Prevent and Channel factsheet - Home Office
<https://homeofficemedia.blog.gov.uk/>
- Signs of radicalisation? ACT Early
<https://actearly.uk/>
- 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 – Prevent Education Handbook shared with Designated Safeguarding Leads

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