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Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to December'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 which aims 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

Merry Christmas everybody and welcome to the Christmas edition of our Prevent Newsletter - we look back over our year in Prevent and the relaunch of this newsletter. As ever we have updated our training dates so please book on for training in 2024.

It has been a busy year with a fresh look and approach to hate crime and Prevent within Bury. It has been great to work alongside our colleagues across Greater Manchester and GMP Bury with free resources and up to date free relevant training for organisations both statutory and voluntary around Incels, and Understanding the Far Right., delivered by CST.

People and communities came together to understand more about Prevent and how it helps stop vulnerable people from being groomed for terrorism purposes. It was great to work with all the Prevent leads across GM to share good practice, listen to communities, and promote Prevent and the amazing opportunities collaborative working brings to Bury.

The last 12 months has seen me delivering training in schools, colleges using our WRAP – which is the Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent. This 60-minute workshop is bespoke to Bury and local needs.

WRAP training allows people to understand what Prevent is, how to spot people that are vulnerable to radicalisation and what Channel is.

By the end of the workshop people feel much more confident of what Prevent is, how to make an appropriate referral and what that process is once the referral is made.

Face to face training also allows better interaction so that people can ask as many questions as they want and find out the answers.

Online workshops are available, but the Home Office encourage face to face sessions.

If you would like to discuss or book on WRAP training, please email me: prevent@bury.gov.uk

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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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.

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 hilja.jeffery@bury.gov.uk for more in-depth of information on any of the recommendations, including best practice.

Did you know?

Individuals aged 15 to 20 accounted for the largest proportion (30%) referrals, with individuals aged under 15 accounting for 29%, followed by individuals aged between 21 and 30 (16%).

"If you've any Prevent related questions or would like training – whether that's attending a team meeting or running a special session please just get in touch!" You can contact Roy by email to prevent@bury.gov.uk or call 07581020228



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Guidance: get help for radicalisation

Since 2017, we have seen an average of 9 attempted terror attacks per year.

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

Common myth that Prevent doesn't work. You may have read something like this in the papers or online.

Many people have been helped as part of the Prevent programme and that can be a very positive outcome.

If less lives are lost to violence and extremism because of a persons' participation in the Prevent programme that is a measure that cannot be quantified.



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Upcoming Training

Prevent duty training

Learn how to support people susceptible to radicalisation | Prevent duty training at: www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk

Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) Training

This training is 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 includes:

- 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:

- 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

Upcoming webinars by SAFE (Safety Advice for Everybody) through Community Security Trust.

For further information and to book onto sessions go to [SAFE Events Hub \(zoom.us\)](https://events.zoom.us/j/9J2FJjr6sdw) (<https://events.zoom.us/ea/AiMZc0RzletAMSzwOhVnGB5kjMCxcl3lY5p1WXT-9J2FJjr6sdw~AggLXsr32QYFjq8BIYLZ5l06Dg>)

This winter, please join us for our free webinar programme - our current schedule is shown below:

- 17 January 2pm, **Basic Security**
- 25 January 2pm, **Hate Crime**
- 31 January 2pm, **Organising Security**
- 7 February 12pm, **Countering Radicalisation and Changing Mindsets**
- 15 February 12pm, **Women's Safety**
- 22 February 2pm, Exploring the Far Right



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Useful Resources

- www.protectuk.police.uk
- Provides business & the public with counter terrorism support & guidance to effectively protect & prepare.
- [Prevent and Channel factsheet - 2023 - Home Office in the media \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://blog.gov.uk/prevent-and-channel-factsheet-2023-home-office-in-the-media)
- Overview of the Prevent agenda and Channel process
- [What are the signs of radicalisation? | ACT Early](#)
- Find out more about the signs that someone may be vulnerable to radicalisation.
- [Protecting charities from abuse for extremist purposes - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/protecting-charities-from-abuse-for-extremist-purposes) – guide on how trustees, staff and volunteers can protect their charity from abuse by those encouraging extremism.
- [Radicalisation and child protection | NSPCC Learning](#) – online resource from the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
- 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

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