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Bury Prevent Newsletter

Welcome to March'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.

Hope everyone is well and looking forward to warmer and light filled days.... Spring is on its way!



Figen Murray OBE

It was International Women's Day on 8 March, so this month's newsletter is dedicated to a truly inspirational woman, Figen Murray OBE.

On 22 May 2017, Figen's life as she knew it changed forever. Her son, Martyn Hett, was one of the 22 people killed in the devastating Manchester Arena terrorist attack.

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Martyn's Law

Figen's son Martyn Hett tragically died along with 21 others in the Manchester Arena Terror Attack in 2017.

Since then, Figen has been fearlessly campaigning for legislation to improve security, train staff and have a counter terrorism plan in place for venues with a capacity of more than 100 people.

This piece of legislation came into place on Monday 19 December 2022 and is called Martyn's Law.

While many would assume Figen's anger at what happened to Martyn, she was defiant in her message that hate fuels hate, and that being angry would only cause more heartache and pain.

Figen Murray OBE was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from Salford University in 2022, and additionally made a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of Strategic Risk Management (ISRM) in recognition of her work to improve safety and security at venues, and her support for students studying counselling and psychotherapy courses.

For over 23 years, Figen worked as a counsellor herself. But everything changed on 22 May 2017, when her son, Martyn Hett, was one of the 22 people killed in the devastating Manchester Arena terrorist attack.

Since then, Figen has committed her time to promoting peace, kindness and tolerance in Martyn's



Martyn Hett

memory, as well as working towards changes aimed at preventing similar attacks in future.

As well as championing Martyn's Law, legislation requiring entertainment venues to improve security against the threat of terrorism, she now educates young people about Prevent, safety in accessing venues and facilitates learning in post-traumatic growth, bereavement and loss.

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Martyn's Law overview and what you need to know

Martyn's law will make sure public premises and events are better prepared for, and protected from, terrorist attacks; requiring them to fulfil necessary but proportionate steps according to their capacity size to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack and reduce harm.

Through Martyn's Law, premises will be better prepared and ready to respond in the event of a terrorist attack.

Whilst Martyn's Law cannot stop all terrorist attacks, it will significantly reduce opportunities or deter terrorists to target certain areas where people congregate.

Its aim is not to restrict people's free movement but merely seeks to ensure that venues do all they can to make sure that their customers are safe from these dangers.

On receiving her award, Figen said:

"It is totally humbling to receive an honorary doctorate in recognition of some of the work I have done over the past few years.

"I have been working tirelessly over the past four years to bring in legislation to keep the general public safe, working with the Home Office.

"it is incredible to know that my efforts are being noticed by people outside of government, recognising how essential this legislation is."

Did you know ?

Figen was born in Istanbul and moved to Germany at the age of two in 1963.

Twenty years later, she moved to the UK for a new adventure.

Figen has five children and is grandmother to five boys.

She resides in a peaceful part of south Manchester with husband of 30 years and counting, Stuart.



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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 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/1182802/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 for more in-depth of information on any of the recommendations, including best practice.

Standards and Compliance Unit launched to oversee prevent

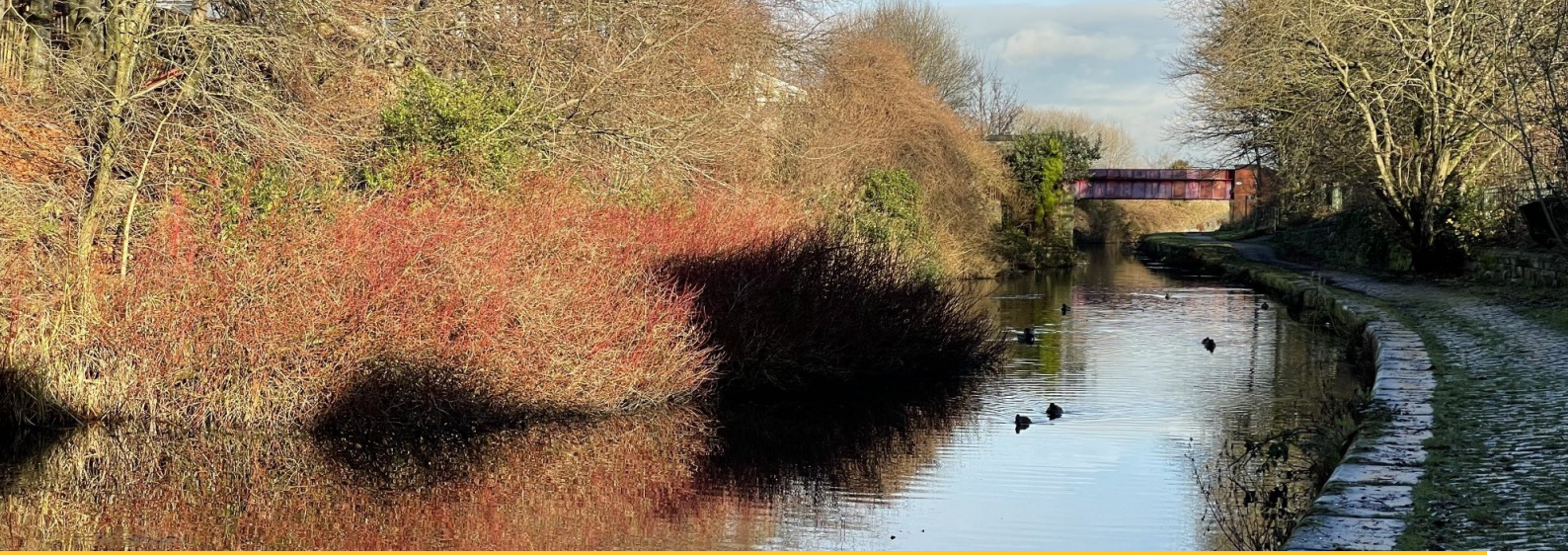
The new Standards and Compliance Unit (STACU) is a new independent body which will investigate and review complaints around the application of the PREVENT duty.

The hope is that this provision will ensure the high standards in the delivery of PREVENT.

Complaints can be submitted through the form which can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-a-complaint-about-prevent>

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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

Grooming, recruitment and radicalisation isn't a significant problem in Bury. Bury has additional funding to provide information, training, advice and guidance.

The same grooming process is used for Organised Crime, County Lines, Extremism, and Child Sexual exploitation.

If we can enable communities to learn more about how predators operate, then we can build strong minds and strong communities.



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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

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:

- 11 April - 6-7pm
- 18 July - 6-7pm
- 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

Here & Now – Radicalisation



Odd Arts have delivered 3 sessions to around 70 students and members of the community at Holy Cross College, ADAB and members of Bury VCFA at Adab on 14/03/24 to look at the process of radicalisation through the medium of drama.

Here and Now includes a hard-hitting play that ends with many complex societal problems relating to hateful extremism, specifically focussing on the far right and International terrorism. Workshop participants use the play to try out solutions and early intervention techniques.

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



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

For more information and to book onto sessions: [SAFE Events Hub \(zoom.us\)](https://www.zoom.us/j/91111111111)

- 21 March at 7pm, **Hostile Reconnaissance** (the information gathering phase of attack planning)
- 3 April at noon **Safeguarding Awareness (New** - introduction to safeguards and how you can play your part)
- 11 April at 6pm, **School Security (New** - we share our experience of keeping schools, and children, secure)
- 18 April at 6pm, **Past terror attacks – Lesson learned** (Updated version) with MOPAC London

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

In the next issue (April 2024)

The rise in involuntary celibates (Incels)

Useful Resources

- www.protectuk.police.uk/ - counter terrorism support & guidance to effectively protect & prepare.
- A consultation has opened on new laws to make sure we are better prepared for, and protected from, terrorist attacks. Read more here: <https://matomo.protectuk.police.uk/a9e085>
- 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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