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Bury Prevent Newsletter

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 from Roy Thickett and Bury Council. We hope you are having a great week!

In October's newsletter we are pleased to share with you some exciting updates and latest news around Prevent.

This month we are exploring Martyn's Law/ The Protect Duty.

Martyn's Law is pending UK legislation in which those responsible have a duty to consider and respond to the threat of terrorism in publicly used spaces.

This will apply to all public spaces from Church Halls and Sports Centre to Arena and stadiums.

There are lots of different ways you can pre prepare for the future legislation and you can find out how in the details below.

Martyn's Law (Protect Duty): Martyn's Law is pending UK wide legislation that will place a requirement on those responsible for certain publicly accessible locations to consider the threat from terrorism and implement appropriate and proportionate mitigation measures.

As of October 2023, this is still a draft legislation.

If you have been affected by the conflict in the Middle East, or any other terrorist incident the government has a website which provides support:

<https://victimsofterrorism.campaign.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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Martyn's Law



Who will Martyn's Law apply to:

It is expected that when enacted the new legislation will apply to anyone responsible for publicly accessible locations used for purposes such as entertainment and leisure, retail, food and drink, museums and galleries, sports grounds, public areas of local and central government buildings (eg town halls), visitor attractions, temporary events, places of worship, health, and education.

What Martyn's Law will require you to do?

The government has indicated that publicly accessible locations with a capacity of more than one hundred people will need to undertake simple yet effective activities to improve protective security and preparedness.

These activities may include completing free training, raising awareness, and cascading information to staff.

As well as completing a preparedness plan publicly accessible locations with a capacity greater than eight hundred people will also be required to produce a risk assessment and security plan, considered to a 'reasonably practicable' standard.

Martyn's Law will probably include a Standard Terrorism Evaluation covering Think, Plan and Activate.



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Did you know?

Martyn's Law was named after Martyn Hett who was killed in the Manchester Arena Attack along with 21 others.

Charities, community groups and social enterprises will all be affected by this law not just large-scale venues.

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!

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Preparing for Martyn's Law

Although no date has yet been set for the introduction of the legislation starting to plan would be advisable.

You can do this in several ways such as:

- Assessing your protective security and preparedness considerations with those responsible for publicly accessible locations or buildings.
- Making sure there are clear roles and responsibilities, particularly amongst event organisers and those at senior level within your venues and organisations.
- Staff awareness raising and training courses, communications campaigns, and advice/guidance products and tools. (These can be provided online or by your LA)
- Make use of existing local authority Safety Advisory Groups (for events), and Community Safety Partnerships to support organisations.
- For more information on Martyn's Law/ The Protect Duty please go to:

www.protectuk.police.uk

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-counter-terrorism-security-office

www.npsa.gov.uk



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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 recommendations and consider implementation of those which are not already in place.

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



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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 or 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.

Implications for Bury

A more in-depth briefing was produced for further information, condensing the 75-page document into key headlines. If you would like access to this briefing, please e-mail hilja.jeffery@bury.gov.uk.

Once Martyn's Law comes to pass, Bury's event spaces and public spaces will be responsible for clarifying who is responsible for security activities at the site in scope and creating an action plan to ensure public safety in the event of a terror attack.



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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:

- 26 October at 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

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

For further information and to book onto sessions: [SAFE Events Hub \(zoom.us\)](https://www.safeevents.org.uk) 31 October, 2pm, Exploring the Far Right

Government bans machetes and zombie knives

As part of wider efforts to reduce street violence, the government have introduced a ban on machetes and zombie knives that have no practical use.

The police will have more power to seize and destroy these weapons and the maximum penalty for possession, manufacturing, sale or import will be increased from 6 months to 2 years.

As well as this, the Home Office also hope to introduce a new offence for the possession of bladed articles with the intention to cause fear of violence or endangering life.

Exemption to these rules include the use of legitimate articles like objects that are of historical importance or hand-made, artisanal objects which are less likely to be used by criminals.

The new rules should see a reduction in machete and zombie-style knives on the streets of Bury as the police have more power to seize objects of concern.

For further information <https://www.gov.uk/buying-carrying-knives>



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INCEL session by SAFE

On 29 November SAFE are delivering a workshop at Bury Town Hall, Elizabethan Suite about Incels – the new face of misogyny.

This workshop will look and inform how the incel culture has moved into the mainstream. Details on how to attend will be released shortly.

Addressing common myths about Prevent

Myth: Prevent is about spying on people and their families, a way of lots of officials getting involved in your private life.

If a referral is made about you or someone you know you will be contacted by supportive and specially trained staff. Each council has Channel Panel Case Officers whose job it is to follow up on referrals and make appointments to see you. Professionals are given regular training so that they are skilled and knowledgeable about safeguarding and assessing appropriate referrals.

In the next issue (November 2023)

Online safety support

Useful Resources

- 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