An Introduction to Prevent

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Prevent: The Basics

• Prevent is part of the UK’s overall Counter Terrorism Strategy, not all: one of the ‘4 Ps’ of CONTEST: Prevent, Protect, Prepare and Pursue

• Prevent is about stopping people becoming radicalised in the first place: countering ideology and propaganda. It is not concerned with matters of faith, but issues of ideology and radicalisation

  ... By radicalisation, we mean the process by which people come to support terror or extremism, not the final act itself

  ... By extremism, we mean vocal or active opposition to Fundamental British Values or calling for soldiers to die

Prevent has a general context and Government wants us to act consistently
Prevent is about Preventing

• It is better if we stop people getting to the point where they carry out acts; dealing with radicalisation in the ‘non-criminal space’

• This is what Prevent is all about. It’s Safeguarding and is integrated into what we do

• In Gateshead and Newcastle we:
  - Are proportionate: We are not Home Office priority areas
  - Operate despite what the media says: With common Vulnerability Assessment regardless of where possible radicalisation is coming from
  - Take a positive outlook: We safeguard every day

Think Prevent, think Safeguarding
What counts as Prevent?

Prevent looks at factors of vulnerability. Is someone:

- **Engaged** with an extremist group, cause or ideology?
- **Intent** on causing harm by violent/other illegal means?
- **Capable** of contributing (in)directly to acts of terrorism?

……only under these circumstances is it Prevent.

It maybe another form of safeguarding is best, … but only Prevent can support someone away from possible radicalisation.
Terrorist Act

PREVENT
Pre-Criminal
Space – this goes on behind the scenes

Criminal & Non-Criminal Acts

Grievance / Sense of Injustice / Anger

Social Issues / Isolation

Impact of Global / Local Events

Conflict with or Rejection by family, peers, religious group

Victim or Witness to a hate crime

Identity Confusion / Belonging

Peer pressure to conform to / not disappoint

Accessing extremist material / individuals with extremist views

This is what people see
What do we mean by Engaged?

‘Psychological hooks’. Indicators might be someone…..

- Expressing a need to act for an extremist group or cause
- Saying their family, the UK are under threat
- Has changed style of personal appearance
- Has day-to-day behaviour increasingly centred on extremism
- Loses interest in friendship groups/desire for moral change
- Has material, jargon associated with an extremist group
- Attempts to recruit others to their ideology
What do we mean by Intent?

‘Mindset’ = readiness. Indicators might be someone….

- Identifying others as threatening or to blame for social ills
- Speaking about the need for violent action now
- Expressing view justifying offending on behalf of an ideology
- Condoning or supporting violence towards others
- Plotting or conspiring with others
- New found arrogance
- Changes in mood, language, behaviour
What do we mean by Capacity?

Public safety concern. Indicators might be someone….

- Has a history of violence that relates
- Is criminally versatile using networks to support extremism
- Has occupational access that enables acts of terror
- Has access to networks, specialist equipment, finance
- Has technical expertise that can be deployed to a terror act
Notice, Check, Share

- **NOTICE**
  - You

- **CHECK**
  - Peers, Manager, Safeguarding Lead, Safe Gateshead/Safe Newcastle
  - Do you know who?

- **SHARE**
  - Trust your gut feeling and make a referral
So how do I refer? What happens?

Let’s Look at a video of how to raise a concern and what happens after that (a Channel Panel). Prevent Channel Panels are all about appropriate intervention to support an individual.

Newcastle:  
Gateshead:  

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY CONCERN?