

PREVENT,

Extremism and Radicalisation

Policy & Guidance

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It is the intention of the PARC Committee to ensure that staff are aware of the PREVENT Strategy, and that they are mindful and capable of protecting individuals in our care who may be vulnerable to the exploitation of violent extremism, radicalisation and terrorism.

The current threat from Terrorism and Extremism in the United Kingdom is real and severe and can involve the exploitation of vulnerable people, including children and young people.

This policy is designed to provide a clear framework to structure and inform our response to safeguarding concerns for those young people who may be vulnerable to the messages of extremism.

**Radicalisation** is defined as the process by which people come to support terrorism and extremism and, in some cases, to then participate in terrorist groups.

**Extremism** is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas (HM Government Prevent Strategy, 2011).

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Taken from the *‘PREVENT Policy and Guidance’*

as issued by *Safer Essex* January 2018, Version 0.6

**‘The purpose of the PREVENT Strategy is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.**

**CONTEST is the overall UK strategy for Countering Terrorism, updated in June 2018. The aim of CONTEST is to reduce the risk to the UK and it’s interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence. It has four streams of which PREVENT is one of them.**

**Objectives of PREVENT**

* **Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism.**
* **Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention.**
* **Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.**

**CHANNEL is a key element in the prevent Strategy. It is a multi-agency approach to protect people at risk from radicalisation. Channel uses existing collaboration between local authorities, statutory partners (such as education and health sectors, social services, children’s and youth services and offender management services), the police and local community to:**

* **Identify individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism;**
* **Assess the nature and extent of that risk;**
* **Develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.**

PARC Trustees, Staff and Volunteers are required to read:

* The ‘PREVENT Policy and Guidance’ as issued by Safer Essex January 2018, Version 0.6
* The PREVENT Duty Guidance for England and Wales
* The Channel Duty Guidance for England and Wales.

(All three documents can be found online on the Gov.UK website)

Trustees, Staff and Volunteers must have a clear understanding of the PREVENT Strategy and be able to identify service users who may display extremist views, be at risk of radicalisation, or, of coercion into terrorism.

Vigilance should be demonstrated to adhere to the CONTEST’s Risk Reduction Model:

* *PREVENT: Safeguarding people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.*
* *PURSUE: Stop terrorists attacks happening in the UK and overseas.*
* *PROTECT: Strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack in the UK or overseas.*
* *PREPARE: Mitigate the impact of a terrorist incident if it occurs.*

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Should any Trustee, Staff or Volunteer have any reason to be concerned that a Service User has been exposed to, or witnessed any connection to terrorism, they should report this directly to the Manager on Site quoting the exact phrases, words, or actions that has lead them to consider that a threat of terrorism is present.

The Manager on Site must then report this straight away to the Senior Manager and Safeguarding lead, Jenny Spencer-Laitt, who will then follow the Referral Flowchart on page 12 of the ‘PREVENT Policy and Guidance’ as issued by Safer Essex January 2018, Version 0.6

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