

# Prevent and channel

*Safeguarding people from radicalisation and terrorism*



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# What is Prevent?

- Prevent is **one** strand of the UK's wider counter-terrorism strategy known as CONTEST
- Prevent aims to **stop** people from **becoming terrorists** or **supporting terrorism of any form**
- Prevent **safeguards people and communities** from the threat of terrorism
- Prevent provides early intervention and personalised support to divert people away from terrorism

## **The three main objectives of the Prevent Strategy are to:**

1. Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism
2. Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support
3. Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate

There is no magic recipe to Prevent. It requires the combined effort of communities and organisations who work in **partnership** to ensure terrorism does not occur or flourish within **our communities**.

# what is radicalisation and extremism?

## radicalisation

Radicalisation is defined as the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism leading to terrorism.

## extremism

Extremism is the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also regard calls for the death of members of our armed forces as extremist.

## Prevent

Prevent recognises that feeling passionately about something **does not** constitute a terrorism threat. However, when it is felt that activities **may** violently oppose democracy or other aspects outlined in the extremism definition, concerns will **understandably** be heightened, right?

# What is channel and how does it support Prevent?

Channel is the safeguarding panel which supports Prevent.

Led by the Local Authority, it is a programme which focuses on **supporting** people at an early stage who could be drawn into terrorism. It ensures people of **any** age, faith, ethnicity, or background receive support before their vulnerabilities are exploited by those wanting them to embrace terrorism or any illegal extremist activity.

It is a **confidential** and **voluntary** process that allows individuals to have the final say of accepting support or not. The type of support you receive is decided by **yourself** and **partners** who will work **with** you. These support options are vast and include support with education, employment, housing, mental health and any other necessary challenges. Ideological support is also common, which may include discussion with credible ideological experts and faith leaders.

Individuals who are referred to Prevent or receive support from Channel are **not** criminalised and will **not** receive a criminal record unless a criminal offence is committed.

# Prevent success stories

“Without going through the Channel process and having one-to-one mentoring I would not be in college and employment today.”

mark, male, extreme right wing

“The Prevent team have really helped my son and they really seemed to understand him. It has also allowed him to understand himself and has been a great help.”

Liam, male, Islamist extremism

“I would encourage anyone who is referred and needs support to be involved with Prevent. It can open your eyes and create opportunities that you may not have had otherwise.”

Joe, male, extreme right wing

# contact

## how to contact Prevent

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Prevent:

**National Prevent Advice Line -**  
0800 011 3764

**Act Early -**  
<https://actearly.uk>

## Further information

For further information, search for:

- [Let's Talk About It](#)
- [Contest 2018](#)
- [Channel Guidance](#)
- [Educate Against Hate](#)

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