

## **South Staffordshire Prevent Strategy 2019 - 2022**

### **What is Prevent?**

Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is part of [CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy](#). It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism and violent extremism.

The Prevent statutory duty, which came into force on 1 July 2015, has prompted a significant step forward in the delivery of Prevent work across all public sector organisations. The council works with local communities, groups and organisations across the district to help safeguard local people from the risks of radicalisation to violent extremism. The range of our work includes, providing training and awareness around radicalisation and safeguarding those who may be affected.

Prevent covers all forms of terrorism and extremism.

- The main aim of Prevent is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
- At the heart of Prevent is safeguarding children and adults and providing early intervention to protect and divert people away from being drawn into terrorist activity.
- Prevent addresses all forms of extremism but continues to ensure resources and effort are allocated on the basis of the greatest threat to our national security.

### **Contest and the objectives of Prevent**

The Prevent strategy is one of the four elements of CONTEST, the national counter terrorism strategy which was reviewed and updated in 2018. Prevent addresses all forms of extremism and has 3 strategic objectives:

- 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, identifying them and offering support.
- Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.

In complying with the duty all specified authorities are required to demonstrate an awareness and understanding of the risk of radicalisation in their area. The guidance identifies sector specific duties with three themes throughout:

- Effective leadership - those in leadership positions to have mechanisms to understand the risks, ensure staff have the capabilities to respond to risk, communicate and promote the importance of the duty and implement the duty effectively.
- Working in partnership - demonstrate evidence of productive co-operation, in particular with local Prevent co-ordinators, the police and local authorities, and co-ordination through existing multi-agency forums, i.e. the Community Safety Partnership, to ensure frontline staff have the training and skills to be aware of Prevent, how to challenge the extremist ideology and able to respond obtain support for people who may be exploited by radicalising influences..

The guidance requires Local Authorities to coordinate arrangements and oversee that each of the specified authorities are meeting the principles of the Act through activity in the following areas:

- Assess **RISK** of radicalisation
- Develop an **ACTION** plan to reduce risk
- Have trained staff to **RECOGNISE** radicalisation and extremism
- Work in **PARTNERSHIP** with other partners
- Be aware of **REFERRAL** mechanisms and refer people to Channel
- Maintain records and reports to show **COMPLIANCE**

### **South Staffordshire Prevent Action Plan**

The Prevent Plan for South Staffordshire will stand alongside community cohesion work happening within communities, but will not incorporate any actions towards that work as it needs to focus specifically at preventing extremism. The Plan will also contribute to the Staffordshire Prevent Delivery Plan.

Within the Prevent Strategy nationally are 3 strands:

**Ideology** – responding to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat from those who promote it

**Individuals** – preventing people from being drawn into terrorism and ensuring they are given appropriate advice and support

**Institutions** – working with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation

## South Staffordshire Prevent Action Plan

The Action Plan 2015-2017 prioritises the work according to the risks faced within the district

<b>South Staffordshire Prevent Action Plan 2019-2022</b>				
<b>Activity</b>	<b>Lead Officer &amp; Organisation</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Timescales</b>	<b>RAG</b>
<b>Ideology - responding to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat from those who promote it</b>				
Identify prejudices	USAH Staffordshire Police	What are the symptoms of the prejudices shown by perpetrators of Hate Crime - are any showing signs of extremism? Any New Trends emerging?	Ongoing	
Channel	Channel Co-ordinator Lisa Fairhurst Staffs Police Prevent	Refer any individuals with extremist ideologies to Prevent Team at Staffordshire Police, who have the expertise to challenge the theology behind these views	Ongoing	
<b>Individuals - preventing people from being drawn into terrorism and ensuring they are given appropriate advice and support</b>				
Training package for all schools in South Staffordshire	Maggie Quinn Based on WRAP	Liase with all schools in South Staffordshire to offer WRAP training to staff and governors. Workshops with pupils in year 10 upwards (14 – 18 years) – PATHWAYS (video and discussion)  Contact Governors Association and offer WRAP	Ongoing	
Training package for Further and Higher Education	Hifsa Iqbal West Mids Prevent Lead, FE & HE	Liase with South Staffordshire College – Rodbaston to offer WRAP training to staff and governors. Hifsa has provided training over 2 terms for all students  Workshops with students– PATHWAYS (video and discussion) <i>Rodbaston contact – Trudi McGuinness</i>	Sept – March 2020	

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WRAP training Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP)	Maggie Quinn SSC	As part of the Let's Work Together programme WRAP training to be made available to partner organisations (including schools and other educational establishments), voluntary sector and private sector organisations, local traders/business, local elected members and parish councillors	Refreshers ongoing	Green
Reaching out to individuals through communities	Adam Burrows Staffs Police Prevent	Prevent awareness presentation at the "My Place My Say" events, to engage with local communities. To include: Community Voice Forums Friends Groups NW Co-ordinator's Group SCVYS Landlords	Sept 2020	Green
Commissioning and Community Budgets	Maggie Quinn SSC	Build Prevent outcomes into funding and commissioning requirements		Green
Emerging and Transient Communities	Maggie Quinn SSC	Engagement with hard to reach communities e.g. farming, transient workforce, food packaging factories (Staffordshire County Council)  Identify any other BME communities – census data	December 2022	Yellow
Master Class	Adam Burrows Staffs Police Prevent  South Staffordshire Council	An event providing in depth information about the National Contest Strategy, County Prevent Strategy and Channel Process and the District Prevent Strategy. Invitations to include Members, partners, business representatives, Community representatives  <i>Counter Terrorism and Security Act</i>	June 2019	Green

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Informing local communities	Support Staffordshire and SSC (assisted by Afshan Haque to write article)	Using the South Staffordshire Review and Support Staffordshire's Locality Forums promote the concept of Prevent and update regularly.  E-Safety	October 2021	
Social media	SSC  Staffordshire Police	Using twitter accounts through South Staffordshire Council, The Good Life, Staffordshire Police and My Place My Say.  Local online forums e.g. PCSO forums  Training on social media to staff in schools and colleges to look out for extremist information on the internet	December 2022	
Signposting	SSC	Advising the public if they identify anything suspicious. Contributing to data collection and analysis and using this to focus communications  E-mail rider stating "Security is everybody's responsibility" and phone number  South Staffordshire Emergency Planning & Business Contingency Forum	December 2022	
<b>Institutions - working with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation</b>				
Local establishments	Ian Hodgkinson – Senior Probation Officer	Prisons – Oakwood, Featherstone and YOI Brinsford – obtain statistics on prison population from Observatory Probation – links into the prisons for inmates ready for release		

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	Hifsa Iqbal  Shaun <a href="mailto:McCartney@nhs.net">McCartney@nhs.net</a>  Maggie Quinn  Let's Work Together	Schools and Colleges and Universities Faith Groups – Interchurch groups  Hospitals –New Cross, Russell’s Hall, Manor, and Princess Royal  Car Boot Sales – organiser meetings  Leisure Centres/gyms - SSC and Private Private Schools Children’s Homes GPs Opticians Dentists SSOTP Highways FARS SSDC – Industrial units Chambers of Commerce Biz Mums Local Community Centres		
County Organisations	Sarah Hollinshead-Bland (linking prevent with adult and children safeguarding routes)	County organisations –Trading Standards		
Employers	Adam Burrows Staffs Police Prevent	I54 – contact to be established to identify Prevent Co-ordinator in companies E-bulletin to businesses Building into workforce training, recruitment and selection process		

