The Kent and Medway Prevent Team

Working together to stop radicalisation

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What is Prevent?

Prevent is a safety net against radicalisation.

It aims to intervene early, to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It also supports the rehabilitation and disengagement of those already involved. Prevent deals with all terrorist ideologies, from Islamist to Extreme Right-Wing.

Prevent is delivered at a local level by experts who understand the risks in their communities. Partners include local authorities, police, education, healthcare, charities and criminal justice agencies such as prisons and probation.

For people who are susceptible to radicalisation, Prevent can provide personalised interventions to help them move away from dangerous ideologies. The Prevent duty helps to ensure that people who are susceptible to radicalisation are supported as they would be under other safeguarding processes.

Referring someone to Prevent will not get them into trouble if they have not committed a crime.

Prevent does not try to punish people and they will not receive a criminal record by engaging in the programme.

Prevent connects people to the support they need to protect themselves and others from the dangers of radicalisation.

What is radicalisation?

Radicalisation can happen when a person develops extreme views or beliefs that support terrorist groups or activities.

There are many ways that a person could become radicalised, and people can become exposed to radicalising influences in-person or online.

A person's susceptibility to radicalisation may be linked to their vulnerability. A person can be vulnerable if they need special care, support or protection because of age, disability, risk of abuse, or neglect.

Common signs of radicalisation may include:

- Accessing extremist content online or downloading propaganda material.
- Justifying the use of violence to solve societal issues.
- Altering their style of dress or appearance to accord with an extremist group.
- Being unwilling to engage with people who they see as different.
- Using certain symbols associated with terrorist organisations.

Concerned that someone is being radicalised?

- **Contact the Kent and Medway Prevent team** on **prevent@kent.gov.uk** or **03000414141**
- Visit **actearly.uk** or call **0800 011 3764** for confidential advice
- Visit **www.gov.uk/prevent** for guidance on the Prevent programme
- **Make a Prevent referral** using the directions below
- If there is an immediate danger or threat **call 999**
- If there is a non-immediate danger or threat **call 101**

Making a Prevent referral

You can find the National Prevent Referral Form by visiting **www.kent.gov.uk/prevent** and on **www.medway.gov.uk** by searching 'Prevent'.

You will need to describe your concerns about the individual that are specific to Prevent in as much detail as possible following the question prompts and explain any vulnerabilities that this person may have which may make them more susceptible to radicalisation.

Completed referrals are then emailed to **preventreferrals@kent.police.uk**

What happens when someone is referred to Prevent?

Police check for an immediate security threat and a genuine risk of radicalisation.

If the person isn't at risk of radicalisation, they may be offered other kinds of support outside Prevent.

If there is a risk of radicalisation, a panel of local experts will assess the referral.

If the panel decides the person is suitable, they'll be invited to join Channel, a voluntary support programme.

Channel will provide support such as mentoring, counselling, education or career support or online safety training.

Anyone who is being radicalised can be referred to Prevent and anyone can make a referral.

Referring someone ensures they get the help they need to keep them and others safe.

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