

Useful websites

www.ltai.info

Provides practical guidance to the public to prevent terrorism

www.preventtragedies.co.uk

For concerns about people travelling to Syria and conflict zones

www.educateagainsthate.com

Practical advice for parents, teachers and school leaders

www.gov.uk/government/news/safer-giving-advice-for-syria

Advice to support humanitarian work in Syria

www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance

HM Government Prevent Duty guidance

www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance

HM Government Channel guidance.

Channel is a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism.

For more information contact Rotherham Council Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Unit at: Community.Safety@rotherham.gov.uk or telephone 01709 334562

www.rotherham.gov.uk/srp



Guide to PREVENT

for service providers

PREVENT is part of the UK's counter-terrorism strategy, preventing people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism.



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What is PREVENT?

PREVENT is about safeguarding children, young people or adults who may be influenced into supporting terrorism or becoming involved in terrorism. This grooming process could happen face-to-face or on-line. Prevent deals with all kinds of terrorist threats to the UK, including the threats from organisations such as far right extremist groups, ISIS, Daesh or Al Qa'ida associated groups, animal rights violent activity or any cause that encourages violence to achieve political change.

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What does this mean for you?

People who deliver services are well placed to recognise children and adults who may be vulnerable to exploitation or grooming by extremist or terrorist groups. This falls within our 'duty of care' and our safeguarding responsibilities. Every employee, worker, volunteer or community member has a role to play in safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults.

There is no expectation that workers will take on surveillance or enforcement roles as a result of **PREVENT**. Rather, people must work with partner organisations to contribute to the prevention of terrorism by identifying vulnerable individuals and making their safety a shared undertaking.



Spot the signs

Signs of vulnerability may include when a person:

- *Is experiencing life changes or crisis*
- *Has friends involved in extremism, including on-line friends*
- *Has a need for belonging*
- *Has low self-esteem, anger or grievances*
- *Has a desire for excitement, adventure or status*
- *Becomes fixated on particular extremist ideas*

All of us at times may share these feelings or influences. The likelihood of a person becoming drawn towards terrorism is small but we need to accept this is a possibility.

A concern that an individual may be vulnerable to extremism does not mean that you think the person is a terrorist. It means that you are concerned they are vulnerable to being exploited by others. Therefore you have a **safeguarding concern**.

What should you do?

Service delivery workers are in a prime position to recognise when an individual is being exploited and to intervene before any crime has been committed or before anyone has been harmed.

Workers should recognise **PREVENT** as part of their safeguarding responsibilities. We are all responsible for safeguarding vulnerable people from any form of exploitation, including becoming involved in or supporting terrorism or extremism.

Notice that a person is vulnerable to being exploited and be aware of any changes in behaviour or routines that may lead you to have concerns that they are being exploited.

Check with your line manager and other services that may be involved with the person or their family, to discuss your concerns and to gather further information.

Share your concerns with your manager and the safeguarding or **PREVENT** lead for your organisation. They can advise you of any further action that you may need to take.

Key contacts if you are worried about a child or adult

If the child or adult is in **immediate danger**, call **999**

If a child is not in immediate danger, contact Rotherham children's social care services by calling the **Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) on 01709 336080** or complete a **multi-agency referral form** (available on the Rotherham Council website).

If an adult is not in immediate danger, contact Rotherham adult social care service by calling **Assessment Direct on 01709 822330** - tell them this is a Prevent concern for the attention of adult safeguarding or complete the online **safeguarding adult form** (available on the Rotherham Council website).

If the child or adult is not in immediate danger but you believe a crime may have been committed, call the **Police on 101**

If you see or hear anything that could be terrorist related you can report it to the confidential **Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321**