

WHAT IS PREVENT?

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What it is...

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What it is not...

Addressing the misconceptions about
Prevent

What is Prevent?

Prevent **safeguards** individuals from terrorism and extremism. Offering resources to help build resilience against harmful narratives, and offers mentoring and support to help keep people out of the criminal space.

Is Prevent part of any other strategies?

Prevent is one of the four elements of 'Contest' which is the Government's Counter Terrorism strategy.

The other three Contest elements are:

Pursue - to stop terrorist attacks

Protect - to strengthen our protection against terrorist attacks

Prepare - when an attack occurs, to mitigate its impact.

What happens to someone after they are referred to Prevent?

If the individual is at risk due to their concerning ideas and/or are vulnerable to becoming groomed by an extremist or terrorist organisation, they are brought to a multi-agency panel led by professionals called Channel. It ensures people to receive support before their vulnerabilities are exploited by those wanting them to embrace terrorism or any illegal extremist activity. Regardless of their age, faith, ethnicity or background.

MYTH



Prevent is about spying on individuals and targeting certain groups based on their religion.

Prevent is about safeguarding vulnerable people and protecting them, their families and communities from terrorism by getting them back on track. **Regardless of their religion or background.**



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Being reported to Prevent leads to being arrested and having a criminal record.

Being referred to or supported by Prevent is not a form of a criminal sanction. **It will have no bearing on a persons education or future**



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MYTH



Prevent restricts individuals freedom of speech, especially on political issues.

Prevent does not restrict or monitor individuals opinions on political matters, as long as these are in line with our fundamental values.



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MYTH



Prevent takes away children/young people from families.

Prevent does not take away children. It is about providing relevant and appropriate support for the child & family during a difficult time. Most parents/families appreciate the support.



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REFERRING/ADVICE

If you have a concern about an individual or situation, share it by making a referral. If you feel that there is an immediate danger of a crime being committed, please **dial 999**.

If the risk relates to an adult **over 18**, please submit the information to both:

CTU_GATEWAY@westmidlands.police.uk and
prevent_inbox@sandwell.gov.uk.

If a risk relates to a child **under 18**, please submit any information to:

Access_Team@sandwellchildrenstrust.org and
prevent_inbox@sandwell.gov.uk

For questions or advice email: **prevent_inbox@sandwell.gov.uk** and we will get back to you.



To report anonymously, please visit
gov.uk/ACT or scan **QR code**

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

www.NSPCC.org.uk www.childline.org.uk/kids

www.internetmatters.org www.parentinfo.org

www.educateagainsthate.com

Let's Talk About It - www.ltai.info www.parentsafe.lgfl.net

www.net-aware.org.uk

NSPCC/O2 - 0808 800 5002

Vodafone Digital Parenting magazine - www.vodafone.co.uk/digital-parenting-order-form

The Department for Education helpline: 0207 340 7264 or email: counter.extremism@education.gov.uk

Additional resources you can visit online:

Educate Against Hate: www.educateagainsthate.com

Run, Hide, Tell: www.gov.uk/government/publications/stay-safe-film

Action Counters Terrorism (ACT): <https://act.campaign.gov.uk>

The Counter Terrorism Policing ACT Awareness e-Learning is now available for the public to access & complete:

<https://ct.highfieldelearning.com>

ACT Early: <https://actearly.uk>

