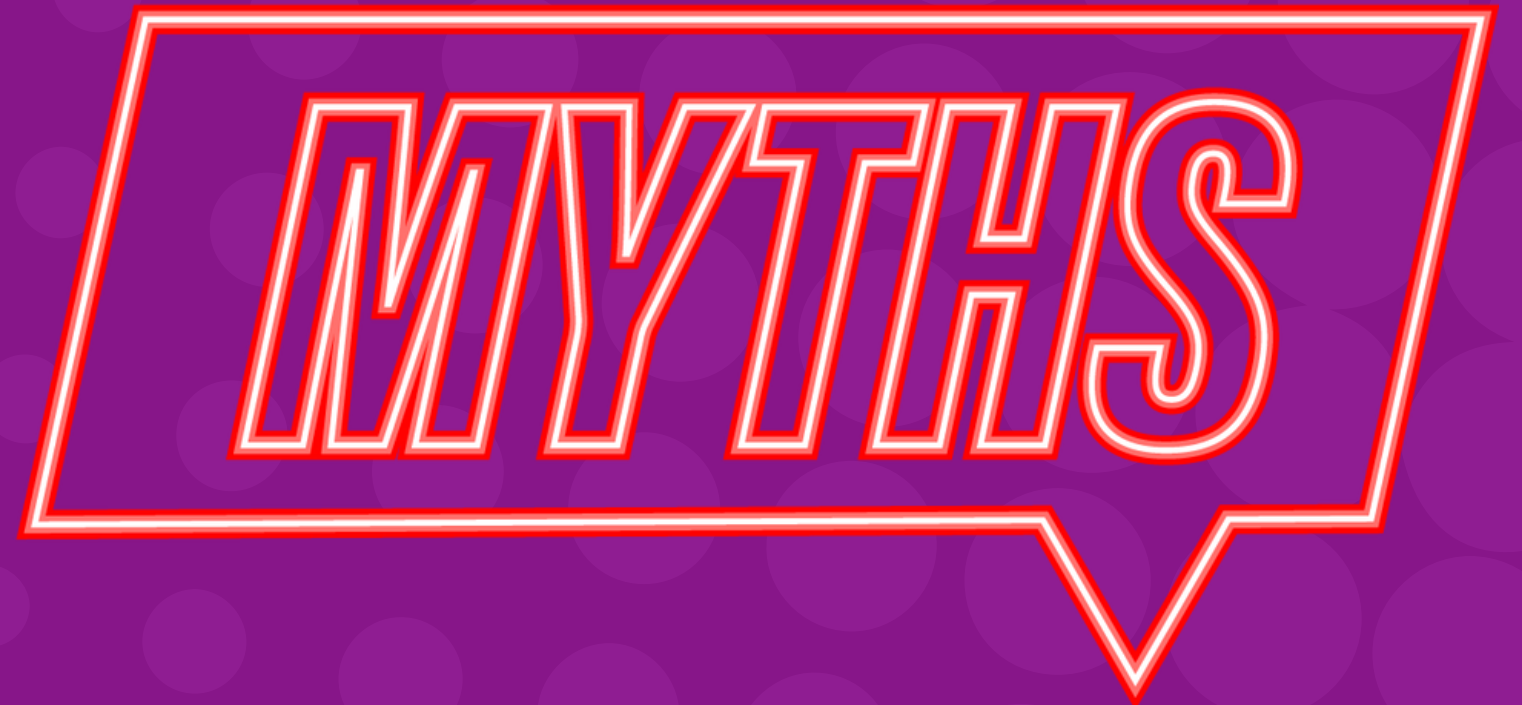
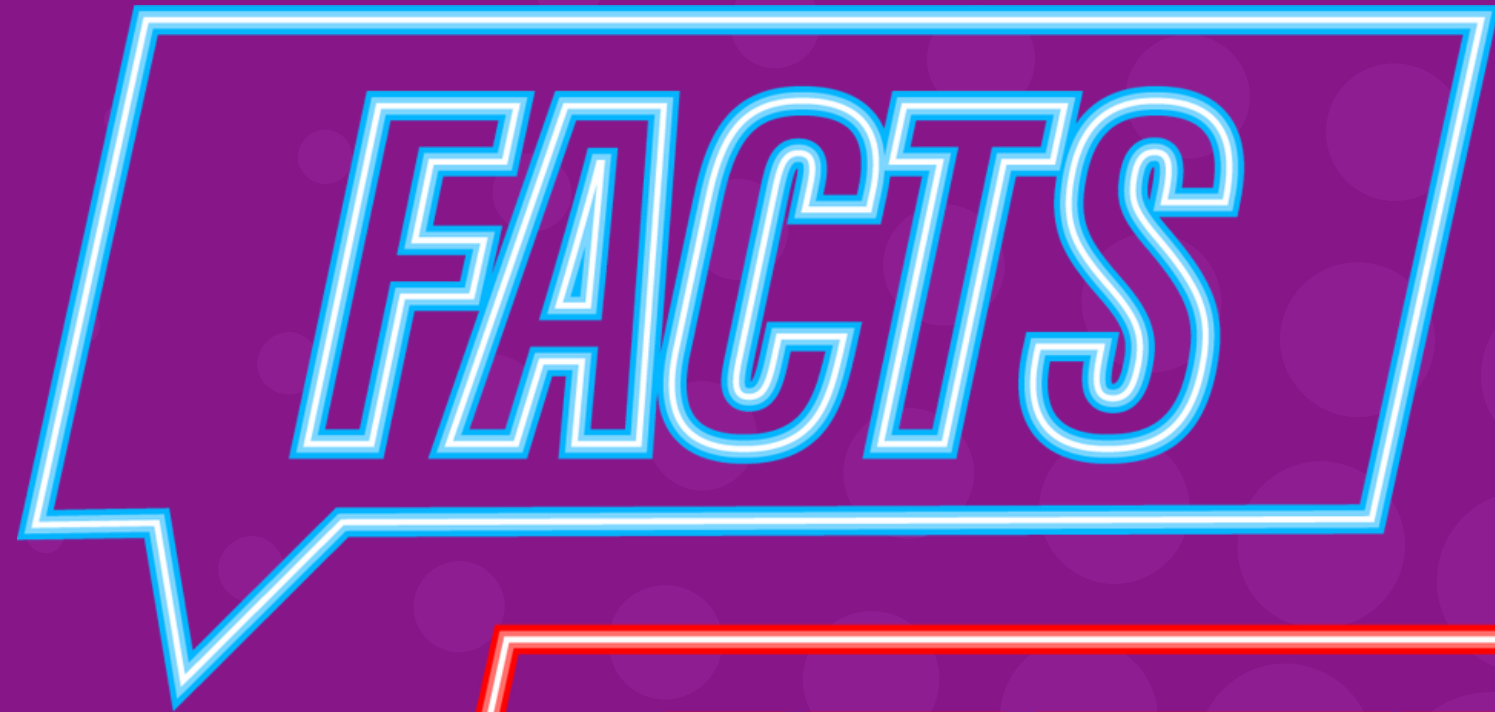


WHAT IS PREVENT?



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?

- Sam was in year 10, he played in his local football team, based at his school. He had a great career ahead of him.
- However, when Asif joined the team Sam said to his coach that he would quit. He said immigrants, didn't belong on the team - they are not British.
- The coach saw this as a concern, and reported this to his teacher. The teacher challenged the behaviour.
- Sam continued to state that immigrants had been the sole cause of problems in the UK, often pointing to grooming issues and the lack of jobs.
- In the process, Sam had revealed he had been watching You Tube videos from Tommy Robinson which he used to justify his views.
- He further was going to attend a protest in the area where Tommy Robinson was due to come.



What happens to someone after they are referred to Prevent?

- They are brought to be discussed at a multi-agency panel (Channel) led by professionals from different organisations.
- Channel ensures people to receive the right support before their vulnerabilities are exploited by those wanting them to embrace terrorism or any illegal extremist activity.



MYTH



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

FACT

*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.***



MYTH



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

FACT

*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.***

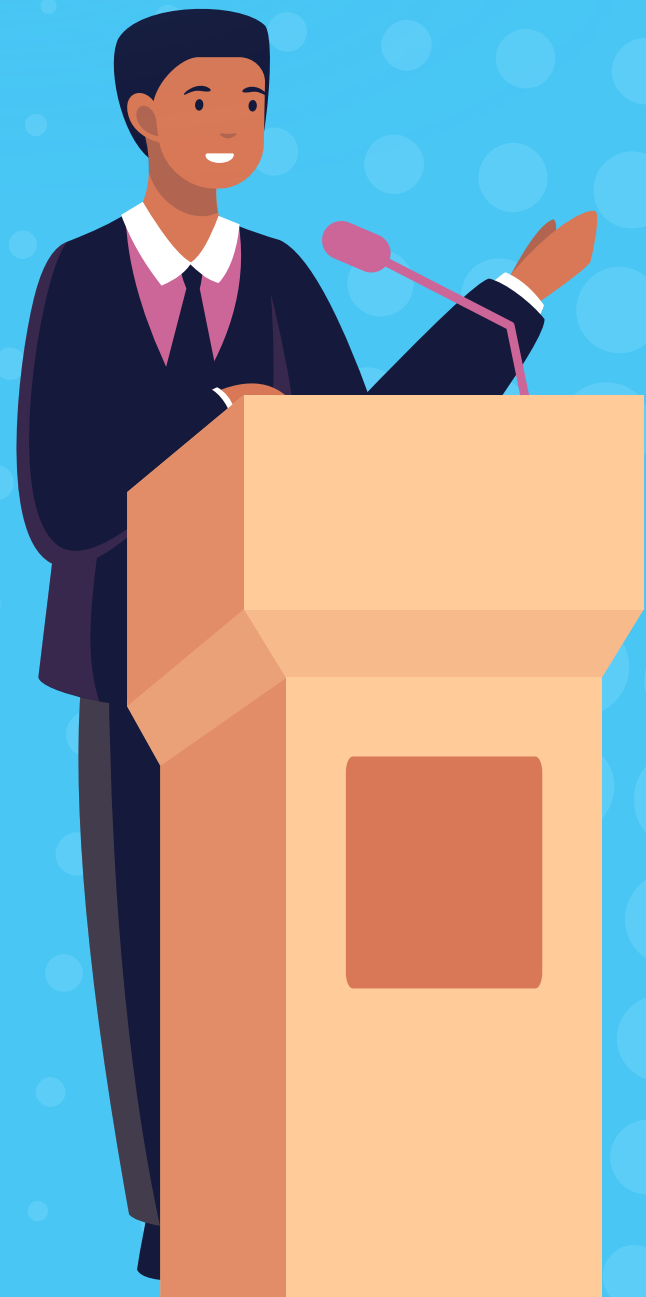


MYTH



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

FACT



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

MYTH



Prevent takes away children/young people from families.

FACT



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.

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**