

BaNES CCG

Prevent Awareness Leaflet



Background

The Government's counter-terrorism strategy, **CONTEST**, has 4 elements:

- **Pursue** - to stop terrorist attacks
- **Prepare** - to mitigate the impact of an attack
- **Protect** - to help protect us against an attack
- **Prevent** - to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism

Counter-Terrorism & Security Act 2015

1. This Act contains measures to:
2. disrupt travel to and from Syria and Iraq
3. deal with people in the UK who pose a terrorism threat
4. disrupt the activities of terrorist organisations
5. support people at risk of being drawn into radicalisation by:
 - making **Prevent** a statutory duty and creating a duty for organisations to help prevent people being drawn into terrorism
 - Making the voluntary programme (Channel) for people at risk of radicalisation on a statutory basis

Prevent is:

- A statutory duty applying to health, education and local government with the Council acting as lead agency
- A non-enforcement, pre-criminal strategy
- About early intervention to protect and divert people away from the risk they face before they commit criminal activity

The **Prevent** strategy has three specific objectives:

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it.
2. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support.
3. Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation need to be addressed.

The Role of Health in **Prevent**

Prevent is part of our safeguarding responsibility and all healthcare staff need to:

- Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support before any crime is committed.
- Ensure that, where there are signs that someone has been/is being radicalised, healthcare staff can interpret those signs, are aware of available support and can refer the person for support.

Channel Process

Channel is a programme which focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The programme uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people by:

1. Identifying individuals at risk
2. Assessing the nature and extent of that risk
3. Developing the most appropriate support plan for the individual concerned.

What Do You Need to Do?

- If you are concerned that an individual is at risk of/is being radicalised, inform your line manager.
- Your line manager will then need to inform the police via: channelsw@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk

For further information please contact:

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