

# Time to talk... Prevent

## What is Prevent?

It is led by the government and is part of 'CONTEST', the counter terrorism plan. Prevent crosses all public sectors.

The aim is to stop people being drawn into terrorism. The greatest threat to British security is currently from Extreme Islamic groups such as Daesh ('so called ISIS') and extreme right wing groups like National Action.

A big part of Prevent is a programme called Channel which is voluntary and supports vulnerable people get help to prevent them becoming radicalised further.

## Who works with Prevent?

All governmental agencies have to protect the people they work with. This includes schools, hospitals, GP's, prisons, universities, local authorities and the police. These agencies work hard in caring and protecting vulnerable people in the same way that they would if someone was being bullied or at risk of being harmed in another way.

## What does Prevent do?

If someone who works for a government body such as a school or a GP surgery has concerns about a person, they can make a referral to Prevent. Following a referral, the person will be assessed to see if they need protection from radicalisation and if further help is considered necessary. The person may then choose to voluntarily take part in the Channel programme

## What is a Channel Panel?

A Channel Panel is a group of people from different agencies who meet to talk about how they can help people who are most at risk. The panel creates tailor made support plans for the specific person to help reduce potential harm. It helps them to access other services that may benefit them and also signposts them to other activities such as sport, or to experts in religion or politics to help the person consider their thoughts. Participation in the Channel programme is voluntary

## Who does Prevent support?

The main aim of Prevent is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism and covers all forms of extremism. No one is targeted because of their race, colour or religion.

## Are people criminalised by Prevent?

No, there is no mark on their record (DBS) and will not affect future jobs.

The point of Prevent is to stop crimes happening, not to criminalise.

## **For more information, take a look at these websites...**

Action Counters Terrorism - [www.gov.uk/ACT](http://www.gov.uk/ACT)

Prevent Tragedies – [www.preventtragedies.co.uk](http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk)

Let's Talk About it - [www.ltai.info](http://www.ltai.info)

Educate Against Hate – [www.educateagainsthate.com/parents](http://www.educateagainsthate.com/parents)

Parent Info – [www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org)