

What you can do to help

Channel is about partnerships and communities working together to support vulnerable people at an early stage, it is not about reporting on individuals in order to prosecute them.

Let's Talk About It is an initiative designed to provide practical help and guidance to the public in order to stop people becoming radicalised or supporting terrorism.

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TALK
ABOUT IT

Working together to Prevent terrorism - visit

www.ltai.info

IT'S **ANTI-TERRORIST**
PROBABLY **HOTLINE**
NOTHING,
BUT... **0800 789 321**
YOUR CALL COULD SAVE LIVES

Key Contacts

Contact details and confidential help lines

There are several dedicated teams who support vulnerable individuals and their families;

Your local Prevent team can be contacted on the Police non-emergency number **101** or email PreventReferrals@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Anonymous Anti-Terrorist Hotline **0800 789 321**

For imminent threats contact the Police on **999**

Safeguarding contacts:

Concerns around a child?
01908 253169 or **01908 253170**

Concerns around a vulnerable adult?
01908 253772

You can also contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**

The Active Change Foundation (ACF) provide a confidential helpline to prevent British nationals from travelling to conflict zones.

ACF Confidential helpline telephone number is **020 8539 2770**

PREVENT & CHANNEL



By working **together** and **talking** within our **communities**, we can make a **difference** to **prevent extremism** and **radicalisation**.

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What is Prevent/Extremism/ Radicalisation /Channel?

Prevent operates in a non-criminal space, providing support and re-direction to vulnerable individuals at risk of being groomed into terrorist activities before any crimes are committed. Radicalisation could be comparable to other forms of harm and abuse. It is therefore considered a safeguarding issue and thought of alongside the wider safeguarding agenda.

It is set up to challenge all forms of terrorism, including the influence of far right extremists. It defines extremism as “vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs”.

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Radicalisation is defined by the UK Government within this context as *“the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.”*

Channel is a multi-agency programme which provides support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism. **Channel provides a mechanism at an early stage, for assessing and supporting people who may be targeted / or radicalised by violent extremists.**

Milton Keynes has an established Channel Panel. This meets on a monthly basis in a secure environment to discuss cases of concern.

It reports into the Prevent Group and is chaired by Milton Keynes Council. Membership of the Panel is multi-agency ensuring that individuals have access to a wide range of support and diversionary activities including access to education, housing and employment.

The role of the Panel is to review referred cases, assess the nature and extent of the identified risk; and develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.

Following a referral all relevant agencies/ organisations working with the individual will be invited to attend and form part of the support plan in place for the person.

Why it matters to you

Supporting those who may be vulnerable to being drawn into violent extremism is a key objective of the Government’s Prevent Strategy. SaferMK and partners are crucial to delivering this locally in Milton Keynes.

Wherever possible, Channel will complement existing safeguarding mechanisms and processes in a supportive role.

The partnership focused structure is similar to existing, successful initiatives which aim to support individuals and protect them from harm.

Supporting those most at risk of being drawn into violent extremism is about diverting people away from potential threat at an early stage – which prevents them from being drawn into criminal activity.

Partners involved include Education, NHS, Probation, Housing, TVP, Social Care, Children’s Services, Youth Offending Services, Credible and reliable members of the community. Together they help vulnerable individuals access the help and support they need.

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