Preventing extremism

**FDC Prevent Plan**

The threat we face from terrorism is real CONTEST is the UK’s strategy for countering terrorism. It involves many partners working together, including us.

It has four elements:

* Pursue - to stop terrorist attacks through disruption, investigation, and detection
* Prepare - where an attack cannot be stopped, to mitigate its impact
* Protect - to strengthen against terrorist attack, including borders and utilities
* Prevent - to stop people becoming terrorists or being drawn towards terrorism

Prevent recognises that we can’t arrest our way out of the problem. The Prevent strategy therefore aims to support people from not becoming an extremist, terrorist or supporting terrorism.

The Prevent Duty requires Local Authorities and their partners (including police and health partners) to work together to counter all forms of terrorism and non-violent extremism and to safeguard individuals at risk of radicalisation. It is also concerned with reducing threats, risks and vulnerabilities posed by domestic extremists such as those from the far right and far left, and extreme animal rights activists

It aims to:

* tackle the causes of radicalisation
* respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism
* safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation
* enable people already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate
* safeguard vulnerable people

For more information about PREVENT, Email: [prevent@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:prevent@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

What we do?

We work with organisations and community groups to:

* help identify and challenge extremism in an appropriate way
* train staff to spot others who may be at risk of supporting terrorism or extremism. They can then refer them for support
* Raise awareness of Prevent and other aspects that lead to extremism and terrorism.

Spotting the signs

* The journey to becoming radicalised is different for everyone and there are many reasons why someone becomes vulnerable. Radicalisation can take place very quickly, or over a long period of time. However, there are certain behaviours you can watch out for that we often see when someone is being led down the path of extremism.
* Further resources on Prevent and free training modules can be found on the [**Home Office website**](https://www.gov.uk/search/all?keywords=Prevent+radicalisation&order=relevance).
* Visit [**ACT Early**](https://actearly.uk/spot-the-signs-of-radicalisation/what-to-look-for/) to find out more about the signs that someone may be vulnerable to radicalisation.

Supporting at risk individuals

You’re best placed to spot when something’s not right with someone close to you.

If you believe someone is at risk of radicalisation / concerned that a child, young person and/or their parents may hold extremist views or are at risk of being radicalised you have a duty to ensure that they receive support to protect them from being drawn into terrorism.

So, trust your instincts and tell the Police of your concerns in confidence. Often there’s no need for ongoing police involvement and the right support could be provided by teachers, health or social workers, or specialist mentors.

You can report this:

Email: [Prevent@cambs.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Prevent@cambs.pnn.police.uk)

For advice, call 101 and ask for the Prevent team.

[Report online material promoting terrorism or extremism on GOV.uk](https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism).

**Emergencies**

For immediate threats, such as a suspicious package or vehicle, or that someone is about to put themselves in danger by travelling to join a terrorist organisation or appears involved in plans then always call 999.

FDC has a Prevent Plan which includes actions to support communities to share concerns about individuals at risk of radicalisation, as well as groups who may present a threat. FDC will work to inform communities and raise awareness about Prevent. We want to support you, our communities, to share local intelligence and make appropriate referrals. This can be found on our website.