

## What to do if you have concerns

If you have concerns about an individual if they are under 18 you can refer them to the Multi agency HUB tel **0333 240 1727** for anyone over 18 you should contact your local adult safeguarding team. You can contact Cumbria Police **prevent@cumbria.police.uk**

## Sources of help and information

Families against Stress and Trauma: 'Families Matter'

- **familiesmatter.org.uk/**
- **educateagainsthate.com/**
- **getsafeonline.org**

Police online campaign: "Prevent Tragedies"

- **preventtragedies.co.uk/**

Channel E-Learning Package:

- **course.ncalt.com/**  
**Channel\_General\_Awareness**

Information on the prevent agenda and duty can be found on the LSCB website:

- **http://cumbrialscb.proceduresonline.com/chapters/p\_support\_ch\_radical.html?zoom\_highlight=Supporting+Children+and+Young+People+Vulnerable+to+Violent+Extremism+and+Radicalisation**

Protecting Children from Radicalisation: Prevent Duty

- **gov.uk/government/publications/protecting-children-from-radicalisation-the-prevent-duty**

Members of the public should always remain alert to the danger of terrorism and report any suspicious activity to the police on **101** or **999**.

## IF YOU SUSPECT IT REPORT IT

Use the confidential Anti Terrorist Hotline

For more information log onto  
**cumbria.police.uk**



Confidential Anti Terrorist Hotline  
**0800 789 321**

## Supporting people vulnerable to violent extremism and radicalisation



**Cumbria Prevent**



**CUMBRIA LSCB**  
CUMBRIA LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

## What is Prevent?

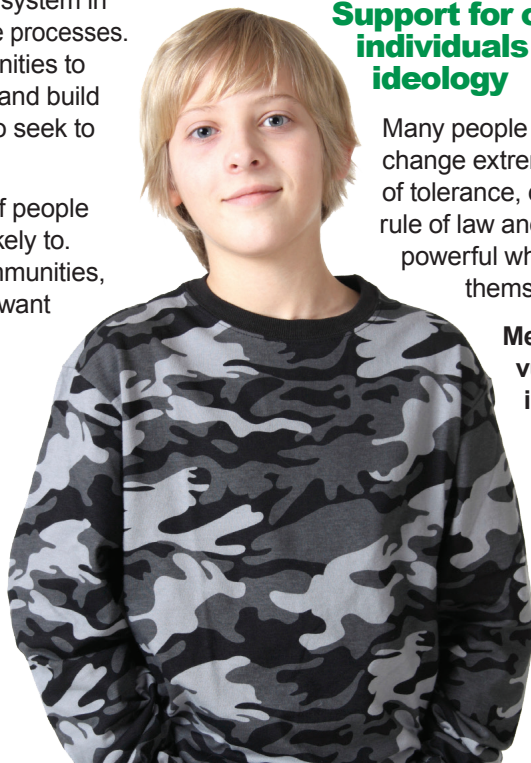
**Prevent** forms part of the government's Counter Terrorism strategy called Contest. The aim of Prevent is to stop people becoming or supporting terrorists, by challenging the spread of terrorist ideology, supporting vulnerable individuals.

## Common Misunderstandings about Prevent

Prevent is not about catching terrorists, it is about identifying people who may be at risk of radicalisation and supporting them to change direction in a way that will help them. It is not 'spying on communities'. Those suspected of being engaged in illegal activity will be managed through the criminal justice system in accordance with normal criminal justice processes. Prevent is about working with communities to help them support vulnerable people and build resilience to groups or individuals who seek to create divisions and cause harm.

There are only a very small number of people who support terrorist activity, or are likely to. The vast majority of people, in all communities, want to see terrorism prevented, and want to play their part as good citizens in helping to make that happen.

Prevent work covers all forms of potential terrorism, such as Islamic extremism, the far right, Irish republican, animal rights and others.



## What Prevent work is being undertaken within Cumbria?

### Community Engagement

Cumbria's approach to Prevent is to help communities themselves to identify and challenge violent extremism in an appropriate way. Community engagement also helps to identify the local, national or international issues and events that may drive people to support violent extremist causes.

Prevent includes working with all partner agencies from Education, Health, Prison, Probation, Youth Offending, Fire Service, Police and key organisations within the private sector to support vulnerable people.

### Support for organisations and individuals to challenge extremist ideology

Many people and groups want to work actively to change extremist ideology and uphold the values of tolerance, democracy, cohesion, equality, the rule of law and freedom of speech. This is most powerful when it comes from within communities themselves.

### Methods of Radicalisation which a vulnerable person may be exposed to includes:

- Contact with existing extremists,
- Speeches and writings by charismatic individuals,
- Online including social media.

## What happens when someone is identified at risk?

### Channel

One of the main elements of our Prevent work is a programme called Channel. Where people who are assessed as being vulnerable to supporting all forms of violent extremism are provided with multi-agency support that is offered is tailored for each case. It could consist of help with family problems, mental health support, mentoring, religious support and others. People who are referred to Channel are not criminals; we are trying to stop people committing offences and getting into trouble.

Keeping children, young people, vulnerable adults and the community safe from these risks is a safeguarding matter and is approached in the same way as any other safeguarding concern.

Channel is a partnership approach to support individuals vulnerable to recruitment by violent extremists. Front line professionals from all partner agencies assess the nature and extent of vulnerability and look at ways to assist people it also compliments existing safeguarding mechanisms

### What is your role?

All partner organisations are aware of the Prevent agenda, each have a single point of contact, this is usually their designated safeguarding lead. If you have a concern you should follow your normal safeguarding procedures.

Parents have a key role in supporting and helping all members of their family stay safe. If you have concern, see the web sites below for more information on what you can do to stop a loved one getting into trouble.