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Prevent is recognised as a 'safeguarding' issue and will be treated in the same way as other safeguarding processes designed to protect vulnerable people from harm or abuse.



## Channel

One of the main elements of our Prevent work is a programme called Channel, whereby people who are assessed as being vulnerable to radicalisation are provided with the help they need through multi-agency support.

Channel has been operating successfully in Peterborough and Cambridgeshire for a number of years, and covers all forms of extremism. The support that is offered is tailored for each case and could consist of any of the following:

- > help with family problems
- > mental health support
- > mentoring
- > religious support

Prevent is one of the four core elements of the Government's CONTEST strategy for countering terrorism. The other three elements are Prepare, Pursue and Protect.

Prevent is a distinct part of the [CONTEST](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-strategy-contest) (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-strategy-contest>) Strategy which focusses on early intervention through strategies which reduce the likelihood of individuals supporting a violent or extremist ideology or becoming terrorists. Prevent applies to all forms of extremism, including far right extremism and can impact all communities regardless of faith or background.

The Government 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. The Government also includes in its definition of extremism, calls for the death of members of our armed forces.

Prevent is not about catching terrorists, it is about identifying people who are, or may be at risk of radicalisation, and supporting them to change direction in a way that will help them.

Peterborough is a safe city and the risk of a terrorist incident is very low. The vast majority of people, in all communities, need no convincing that terrorism is wrong and want to see it prevented. People from all communities want to play their part in helping to make that happen. We all have a role in ensuring that our communities are kept safe and that individuals who may be at risk of radicalisation can be provided with the help and support they need.

The purpose of Prevent is to enlist the support of people in our communities to reach the much smaller minority who may be drawn into terrorism, often through extremist views.

The Prevent strategy has three main objectives:

- > **Ideology** - to respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it.

- > **Individuals** - to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support.
- > **Institutions** - to work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

## Where to go for help

If you are concerned about anyone who might be at risk of becoming radicalised, or if you are worried about someone travelling to, or returning from Syria, then you should speak to the police on 101. In an emergency, or to report a suspected terrorist incident, call the police on 999.

For more information on how to access support and advice to combat radicalisation visit the [Let's Talk About It website](http://www.ltai.info/) (<http://www.ltai.info/>).