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Welcome to the third Newcastle Prevent Community Bulletin. We need to work with all communities in the city to raise awareness of Prevent and protect vulnerable people from the dangers of extremism and radicalisation and we can only do this with your help.

In this bulletin you will find out about any national developments, local projects, and any new resources that you may find useful to help protect communities from the threat of extremism and radicalisation.

Prevent

Prevent is a national multi-agency safeguarding programme that supports people who are at risk of becoming involved in terrorism through radicalisation. Partners involved include health, police, housing, and education.

Radicalisation means someone is being encouraged to develop extreme views or beliefs in support of terrorist groups and activities. This can happen in person or people can also radicalise themselves by accessing extremist material online that can lead to further engagement with extremist individuals, online networks, or groups.

There are still many online platforms where extremist narratives flourish and increasingly, it is vulnerable young people who are proving susceptible to these online channels, forums and narratives. We need the help of all members of our community to prevent this form of harm taking place and to safeguard vulnerable people and would ask all parents and guardians of young people to be vigilant regarding their online activity.

To find out more visit <u>www.newcastle.gov.uk/prevent</u>

If you would like more information about the Newcastle Prevent Network, please contact, Sally Hamilton, Community Safety Development Officer, <u>sally.hamilton@newcastle.gov.uk</u> To receive updates please sign up <u>here</u>

Second Annual Prevent Community Round Table

On the 8th March 2023 we held our second annual Prevent Community Round Table at Newcastle Civic Centre. The event was hosted by the Newcastle City Council Prevent Team and Councillor Lesley Storey, Cabinet Member for Vibrant City, opened the event. A national update was provided by a representative from the Home Office, which included the threat level, the Prevent strategy and the findings of the Independent Review of Prevent which was published in



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The Community Round Table brought together representatives from faith and community groups, the voluntary sector and Northumbria Police to discuss how communities can be an integral partner in keeping our city and neighbourhoods resilient to extremist narratives that can radicalise susceptible individuals into extremism and terrorism. The event was held in a world café style format and created an opportunity for honest and constructive dialogue on best way to raise awareness of prevent within communities and the importance of transparency in delivering prevent.

From the feedback provided by those in attendance we are looking to create a Prevent reference group. The Prevent reference group will be a community group that works in partnership with the Prevent team to provide support with raising awareness of radicalisation and countering extremist narratives. Through the group we are hoping the delivery of Prevent across the Newcastle will be more in line with the needs of its communities and residents, more transparent and evidence based in its community engagement work.

Independent Review of Prevent: report and government response – The government published William Shawcross CVO, the Independent Reviewer of Prevent's report on 8 February 2023. The government response, published alongside, sets out their commitments to implement his recommendations. If you wish to read the full review and the government's response to the recommendations please visit Independent review of Prevent's report and government response

Home Office Prevent Training

A Home Office training course was released last year and is designed for staff working in all sectors covered by the Prevent duty. However, the training can be completed by all sectors of the community, and it will also generate a certificate of completion.

This training will be particularly useful for voluntary organisations regarding their safeguarding requirements and staff development. The training can be accessed through this link: <u>Prevent</u> <u>Training (new e-Learning)</u>

Prevent and Related Media Articles

Manchester Area Inquiry (2023). Report of the Public inquiry into the attack on Manchester Arena on 22nd May 2017. The attack prematurely ended the lives of 22 people, and fundamentally affected those of countless more, and is a stark reminder of the devastating impact terrorism can have and the importance of the work we do.

<u>I was radicalised by the far-right aged 15</u>['] A former right-wing extremist has described how he was radicalised as a 15-year-old boy in the wake of the Manchester Arena bombing.

Useful learning resource <u>'Parents and carers: protecting your child from extremism and radicalisation'</u> and is hosted on Educate Against Hate

Useful links

Counter Terrorism Policing | Home

Keeping children safe in out-of-school settings: code of practice - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Free online safety group workshops | NSPCC

LGfL Training Centre - London Grid for Learning



Act early and tell us your concerns in confidence. You won't be wasting our time and you won't ruin lives, but you might save them.

ACT Early to prevent someone being drawn into terrorism. If you are concerned that someone is at risk of becoming radicalised by terrorists or online content. Get help <u>www.actearly.uk</u> or 08000113764



Report terrorist or extremist content online – Action Counters Terrorism

More than 20% of information received by CTP from the public, when investigated fully, turns out to be relevant to actual terrorist activity which underlines the need for communities to be vigilant and report any concerns