

What is extremism?

Extremism, in a political or religious sense, is used to describe an ideology that is considered by most people to be far outside acceptable, mainstream attitudes of society.

What is radicalisation?

Radicalisation is the process by which an individual or group adopts extreme political, social or religious views. People can 'self-radicalise', by reading or listening to extremist literature or speakers. More commonly, there may be an individual or group actively seeking to persuade others to adopt their views. This process of persuasion or coercion is known as radicalisation.

If a person or group decides that fear, terror and violence are justified to try to achieve radical ideological, political or social change, and then acts accordingly, this may be considered violent extremism or terrorism

The Prevent strategy

Prevent is in place to safeguard individuals and communities from the threat of radicalisation, extremism and terrorism. This relates to all forms of extremism and terrorism and can include groups that advocate racial or religious hatred and violence, jihadist groups or extreme animal rights groups.

Prevent focuses on early intervention before any illegal activity takes place. The aim is to stop people becoming involved with or supporting terrorism or extremism.

Prevent does not aim to criminalise people for holding views; it seeks to stop individuals from going to the extreme of committing or encouraging violent activity.

To safeguard vulnerable people from being radicalised, a referral can be made into the Channel process. Channel is a national initiative that operates on a local basis.

Channel is a voluntary process that has been developed to provide support to people at risk of being drawn towards extremism and terrorism in all their forms. It provides a support package tailored to the individual's needs - further information can be found on the [West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership website](#) and in the [Prevent duty guidance on GOV.UK](#).

Notice, Check and Share

NOTICE

- What have you noticed? Who was involved?
- Does the incident relate to recent local, national or international events?
Does the incident relate to local or national news stories?
- Has the individual been involved in similar incidents?
- Why do you feel the individual is vulnerable to radicalisation? What makes the individual at risk?
- Was it a one off comment or statement and out of context for the individual?
- Are there any other apparent vulnerabilities or concerns that make the individual at risk of radicalisation?
- Can the concern be dealt with in house or does it need wider checking?

CHECK

- Have you checked concerns with your Safeguarding Lead? If you are the Safeguarding Lead have you checked with other members of your Senior Leadership Team/ management? Do they share your Prevent related concerns?
- From your checks has any other information come to light?
- Has the individual of concern been spoken to for clarity? If not, what are the reasons for this? Do they offer a reasonable explanation and or account?
- If under 18, have their parents been spoken to for clarity? Have they noticed a change in behaviour? Do they offer a reasonable explanation and or account?
- Are any other agencies currently or historically working with the individual or family? Have they been consulted?
- Is the concern Prevent related? Or is it more suitable under general safeguarding?
- Have there been any historical concerns?
- Could the concern be addressed in house? Is there a genuine radicalisation risk? Do you and or the individual need additional support?
- Do you need to clarify or discuss with a member of the Prevent team?

SHARE

- Having noticed the initial concern and carrying out the appropriate checks do you feel a referral is necessary?

- On the referral form have you included all the relevant contact details and basic information for the individual of concern, including parent/guardians details and any siblings if appropriate?
- Have you detailed your actions as the referrer? Who have you consulted? What intervention, if any, have you put in place?
- Have you made any other referrals or discussed the case with other agencies? Have you discussed with the Prevent team and been advised to make this referral?
- We encourage all referrers to discuss their concerns with the individual and parents if applicable and make them aware of the referral to prevent (with reasons) unless sharing this information places the individual or another person at serious risk of harm

All referrals should be made through the Multi-Agency
Safeguarding Hub

For all ages:

MASH@westsussex.gov.uk

01403 229 900

Out of Hours: 0330 222 6664

Sussex Police Prevent Team:

Email: prevent@sussex.pnn.police.uk

Phone: To talk to the Prevent Co-ordinator or the Prevent Officers call 101 and ask for the Prevent Team

Possible Signs of Radicalisation into Extremism

- Talking positively about/spending time with people or groups who promote hate and violence
- Isolating themselves from family and friends
- Secretive about where they go and/or what they are doing when online
- Abusive, aggressive views, comments and threats towards certain groups of people (faith, ethnicity etc)
- Fascination with weapons, chemicals, explosives, extremist or terrorist events
- Trying to recruit or groom others to an extremist ideology
- Talking as if from a scripted speech
- Refusing to listen to other views - possibly confrontational
- Possession of violent extremist literature

Possible causes of vulnerability

- Identity confusion
- Isolated, excluded and alienated
- Victim of bullying
- Identity confusion - where do I belong?
- Lost and feeling out of place
- Frustrated with an injustice
- Lonely and find it hard to meet others
- Victim of discrimination
- Low Self-esteem
- Rejected by peers, family or their social group

An extremist group/individual may offer this person

- Information and simple explanations
- Excitement and adventure
- Protection and security
- Praise and kinship
- Support, friendship and family
- A sense of belonging and identity
- Someone to blame
- Loyalty and commitment

Relevant Prevent Resources

FREE - <http://thefreeinitiative.com/>

Extreme Dialogue - <http://extremedialogue.org/>

Educate against Hate - <http://educateagainsthate.com/>

Open your eyes - <http://openyoureyes.net/>

Citizenship Foundation - <http://www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk/>

Families Against Stress and Trauma - <http://familiesmatter.org.uk/>

Online Prevent Training - <https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

Channel General Awareness Online training -
http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html

West Sussex Safeguarding Children Partnership - <https://www.westsussexscp.org.uk/>

NSPCC - [search](#) 'radicalisation' or 'extremism'

Childline - [search](#) 'radicalisation'

Hope not Hate - <http://hopenothate.org.uk/>

Jan Trust - <http://jantrust.org/>

The International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence -
<http://icsr.info/>

WSCC Prevent Pages - search 'radicalisation' or 'extremism' within West Sussex County Council internet pages - <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/preventing-extremism-and-radicalisation/>

West Sussex YourSpace Prevent Pages -
<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/your-space/life/radicalisation-and-extremism/>

Open Your Eyes to Hate - <https://openyoureyestohate.com/far-right-internal-violence/>

Cross The Line - <https://www.crosstheline.co.uk/>

Citizenship Foundation - <http://www.citizenshipfoundation.org.uk/>

Let's Talk About It - <http://www.ltai.info/faqs/>

Ealing Grid For Learning – Prevent Toolkit and resources for schools – Go to www.egfl.uk and search for 'Prevent Toolkit'

Counter Extremism – Research site - <https://www.counterextremism.com>

Getting On Together Project - <http://got.uk.net/>

Prevent Tragedies – Left behind - <http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk/left-behind/>

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation - <http://www.unesco.org/new/en/gefi/home/>

Young People and Extremism Resource Pack – Go to www.eurodesk.org.uk and search for 'Extremism'

List of Proscribed terrorist groups or organisations – Go to www.gov.uk and search for 'Proscribed terrorist groups'

Tony Blair Institute for Global Change - <https://institute.global/>

West Sussex Services For Schools – Prevent Pages: Useful websites and information - <http://schools.westsussex.gov.uk/>

Since 9/11 – Resources to support schools in meeting the Prevent Duty – www.since911.com/

Philosophy for Children – Resources of for doing philosophy with children- <https://p4c.com/>

Parentzone - supporting schools in understanding and responding to the challenges that the online world can cause in the offline world - <https://parentzone.org.uk/>

Be Internet Citizens - Be Internet Citizens has been designed to teach teenagers about media literacy, critical thinking and digital citizenship, with the aim of encouraging young people to have a positive voice online - <https://internetcitizens.withyoutube.com/>

Useful websites for dealing with fake news:

- Snopes.com
- Fullfact.org
- BBC reality check
- Channel 4 FactCheck
- Factcheck.org
- LGFL
- Politifact.com
- The news literacy project

Racism • Homophobia • Transphobia • Religious Hatred • Disabilism

HATE INCIDENTS DON'T SUPPORT IT, REPORT IT

If you or someone you know experiences a hate incident or a hate crime, please report it.

We provide independent confidential support for victims and witnesses. Don't suffer in silence.

CANTONESE

仇恨事件

請勿加入 – 望您舉報

POLISH

Incydenty
powodowane
nienawiścią

Nie wspieraj – zgłaszaj!

LITHUANIAN

Neapykantos
incidentai

Netylėkite –
praneškite apie tai

SPANISH

Incidentes motivados
por Odio

No los apoye – infórmenos

PORTUGUESE

Incidentes de Ódio

Não suporte – denuncie

RUSSIAN

Инциденты и
преступления
на почве
ненависти

Не допустите их –
сообщите о них!

HINDI

नफ़रत की घटनाएँ
इनका समर्थन मत करें -
इनकी रिपोर्ट करें

URDU

نفرت کے واقعات
اس کی حمایت مت کریں -
اس کے بارے میں اطلاع دیں

PASHTU

نه پېښو نه كړه كوئ
ملا تېر يې مه كوئ – راپور يې
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SUPPORT

SussexHateIncidentReport@victimsupport.org.uk
www.westsussex.gov.uk/hatecrime