



Prevent is the government’s strategy to stop vulnerable people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorist activities. Prevent works with individuals and communities in an **early intervention safeguarding** capacity which is **voluntary** to encourage them to challenge and resist extremist and terrorist ideology and behaviour.

The whole ethos of PREVENT is to **safeguard** those at risk just as we would in the same way as providing safeguarding to those at risk of becoming involved in drugs, gangs or other forms of harm.

Working with our communities is vital if we are to safeguard those vulnerable within our communities and we recognise that many community groups can provide and co-deliver excellent support to those at risk to further **safeguard and build resilience** against extremist’s messages of hatred and division.

The work of PREVENT seeks to increase understand amongst frontline professionals and community members through both training, one off events and debate to mythbust, break down barriers and increase safeguarding for those vulnerable to radicalisers in our community to keep them safe.

Prevent Operational Team

All local authorities have a duty to deliver the national PREVENT Strategy. We can provide tailored support to vulnerable residents in our communities to reflect and respond to their needs sensitively. Where safeguarding needs are considered of a serious nature this safeguarding support is provided through the CHANNEL process-a multi-agency bespoke safeguarding response.

CHANNEL Process

CHANNEL is a **safeguarding** panel which is both confidential and voluntary to the participant. This is where professionals will meet to discuss support options for a vulnerable person at risk of radicalisation.

What is PREVENT?	How does PREVENT work?
PREVENT is a <u>CONFIDENTIAL</u> process	Offers a safe space for people to share concerns about radicalisation and provide possible solutions
PREVENT looks at <u>ALL</u> forms of extremism	Addresses vulnerabilities to radicalisation whether it be from far right , extreme right wing ,extreme left wing or any other form of extremist ideology including those from internationally known terror organisations such as Daesh or Boko Harum
PREVENT is a <u>voluntary</u> scheme not compulsory	Prevent is safeguarding of vulnerable young people or adults, it is their decision if they wish to accept the support offered
PREVENT aims to be <u>open</u> , <u>transparent</u> and <u>open to debate</u>	Healthy debate helps mould the agenda safely and dispels myths so organising events including free WRAP 3 training ,Workshops, assemblies and community meetings is part of the groups work
PREVENT is committed to ensuring support is their for those whom want it and need it	Ensuring referrals are genuine ,appropriate and sensitively handled
PREVENT ensures support is bespoke to the individuals needs and vulnerabilities	Support may include mentoring, sporting activities, discussions with faith leaders and credible ideological experts and employment support amongst other support available

If you would like further information, have a query please contact the Middlesbrough Council team via email communitysafety@middlesbrough.gov.uk

If you believe a young person or adult is at risk of radicalisation please contact Middlesbrough Council Safeguarding team on (01642) 726004

