

# What is the process for making a Prevent referral?

## What is Prevent?

**Prevent** is one of the four elements of CONTEST, which is the government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism, provide practical help to **prevent** individuals from being drawn into terrorism and give appropriate advice and support.

## Prevent Referral Process

All referrals with respect to PREVENT should be directed to Prevent Police and Warrington Social Care Services in the first instance, highlighting any potential concerns.

Referrals should be sent to:

[prevent@merseyside.police.uk](mailto:prevent@merseyside.police.uk)

and

[childreferral@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:childreferral@warrington.gov.uk) (if concerns regarding a child) or

[servicereception@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:servicereception@warrington.gov.uk) (if concerns regarding an adult)

## What happens next?

- When received at Prevent Police, the Counter Terrorism Triage Team will immediately begin the relevant checks into the person.
- Upon receipt of a PREVENT referral at either Warrington Childrens or Adult's first point of contact services, any immediate Safeguarding issues should be highlighted and dealt with by the appropriate professional, following standard screening and assessment processes. There is **no need for Social Care Services to conduct any checks** with the MASH or partners with regards to the Terrorism or Domestic Extremism risk at this stage. For adults, where it is determined that the eligibility for adult care services is not met, the referral and outcome of the screening process will be logged.

The referral will be assessed by North West Counter Terrorism Police Officers. It may subsequently be adopted as a multi-agency led case, or signposted out to other services or agencies if it does not meet assessment criteria.

If adopted as a multi-agency case, CHANNEL co-ordinators from the Channel Team will begin information gathering.

The case will then be discussed at a Channel Panel. This is a multi-agency meeting that will discuss and review the referral and plan any appropriate bespoke support packages. The Panel will meet on a monthly basis to review the progress of the case, until such time as the individual is deemed no longer vulnerable to radicalisation.

## Further information:

If you have any questions whilst filling in the form, please call: 01606 362121 (Cheshire Police Prevent Team)