INTRODUCTION

WARWICKSHIRE is a relatively safe place to live and most crime types are continuing to reduce. However, we also live in a global community which means we are affected by trends and events that occur at the international level. At present, we need to consider the international threat of terrorism and those people who are pulled into groups that support extremist causes.

In Warwickshire, authorities and communities are working together to deliver the Government’s Prevent Strategy. Prevent is one of four objectives which make up the Government’s Strategy for Countering Terrorism – CONTEST.

The Prevent Strategy has three key objectives:

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;

2. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and

3. Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation which we need to address.

It is set up to challenge all forms of terrorism, including the influence of far right and far left extremists. It 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”.

A local action plan has been developed to implement the Prevent Strategy in Warwickshire. The action plan is owned by the multi-agency Warwickshire Prevent Strategy Group which reports into the Safer Warwickshire Partnership Board.

The Government published a refreshed CONTEST Strategy in June 2018. The Prevent Strategy Group will be considering the implications of this and amending its action plan as appropriate over the course of 2018/2019.
THE PREVENT OFFICER has been in post for two years since June 2016. This is a partnership post funded by Warwickshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner. During this time the work has expanded successfully and rapidly building on the actions set out in the Prevent Action Plan. Relationships have been developed with professional partners, community members and leaders in districts and boroughs across Warwickshire who have become supportive Prevent leads within their own areas supporting the work and the Prevent Officer. The Prevent Strategy Group meet quarterly and the Channel Panel meet monthly and have embedded their group support for the action plan and the referral system, both groups continue to work well.

The Prevent Officer is an embedded member of the Regional West Midlands Prevent Working Group who meet quarterly. Strong working relationships have been built with our bordering area Prevent teams especially in the Birmingham, Coventry, Sandwell and Leicester areas.

This report will address the work delivered as part of the 6 sections identified in the Prevent Action Plan:

1. Community and voluntary sector engagement – to prevent and challenge extremist narrative and behaviour from within communities.

2. Leadership, governance and accountability – to ensure strong, coordinated community and partnership action which is accountable to the local community.

3. Awareness, learning and development – across all sectors, public, private, community and voluntary.

4. Safe Education – in early years, schools, colleges and universities.

5. Support – establish appropriate support for those identified as vulnerable and their families.

6. Intelligence and communications – mechanisms to monitor community tensions, identify vulnerable individuals and communicate Prevent activity across Warwickshire agencies and communities.
COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

OUR FAMILIES, OUR FUTURE (OFOF) is based on the principle method of engaging with community members around the topic of safeguarding. The Our Families, Our Future national model focuses on community engagement primarily for women and young people. It covers a range of subject areas around safeguarding, including online safety and domestic violence, however, Prevent is ultimately the main focus.

The Equality and Inclusion Partnership (EQuIP) were commissioned on behalf of Prevent to deliver a community project of which 400 people were engaged into 6 months of work. 200 people attended 5 workshops and 11 recommendations were developed from professional and community feedback from each event. A working group was established to develop actions and take these recommendations forward. A service level agreement has been developed to create a second OFOF project for 2018.

The Prevent community group based in Nuneaton comprises of eight male community members who are regularly proactive in supporting Prevent activities in the Nuneaton area.

The group of men have met with Prevent throughout 2017 and 2018 to engage with and support the Prevent action plan. Channel Panel are working towards enabling this group to support some of the Prevent referrals in the community within the realms of the Channel Panel confidentiality restrictions. This joint working with the group is ongoing in order to embed their enthusiasm for Prevent into the community section of the prevent action plan.

Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action (WCAVA) are part of the Prevent Strategy Group. They take a proactive role in promoting Prevent training courses through their newsletters and website. They are supporting the planning of some work to access match funding for future Prevent community project work. The application for funding and work to develop some asset based Prevent community work with WCAVA is ongoing throughout 2018.

Prevent supported a joint event organised by WCAVA and the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Team. The Prevent Officer trained over 90 participants in the Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) training.

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The Call To Active Citizenship (CTAC) course was delivered for the first time over 12 weeks in the North of the county. Prevent delivered learning as part of the evening lectures about being an active citizen in order to inspire and inform residents in the borough about good citizenship and how to get involved. The aim of Prevent being involved was to upskill community members to identify if people are being groomed and/or radicalised and also to inform them of where to refer. We also hope they share the good work of Prevent across the communities they live in.
IN JULY 2017, a presentation was delivered to the Warwickshire Safeguarding Adults Board, which identified Prevent work in Warwickshire and outlined the Prevent action plan to the group. The board were able to ask questions and discussions were held around the Prevent Action Plan and delivery of the work.

The Prevent Officer has included information on the Prevent Duty into local authority commissioning contracts and a mailshot accompanied the amendment of contracts in order to inform commissioners about this positive change. All commissioned services are aware of their compliance with the Prevent Duty should they deliver commissioned services into Warwickshire.

The Prevent Action Plan and Channel Panel work in Warwickshire is shaped by the Home Office and the Prevent Duty. The Channel Panel chair and representatives have linked closely with the Home Office to learn about the impending future changes to the Channel Panel. Project Dovetail has been piloted nationally and shared with local Prevent leads. We await a date for local implementation.

The Coventry and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Prevent leads meet quarterly and invite the Coventry and Warwickshire Prevent Officers to their meetings. There are targets for the NHS to attain in relation to the numbers of staff they educate in the WRAP training presentation. There are specific NHS WRAP trainers working in the region but the group require the local perspective from the Prevent officers to shape their work and achieve their targets.
AWARENESS, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

TRAINING is one of the largest parts of delivery for the Prevent Officer across each district and borough. The main training package delivered is the Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) Home Office training. This session is an awareness raising package delivered from a Home Office script and resources to upskill everyone including communities, frontline staff, charities and commissioned services to support them to identify grooming, extremism, radicalisation and terrorism in Warwickshire. Since April 2017 to April 2018, 603 people have been trained in WRAP.

WRAP training can be delivered to teams within their organisations and is offered widely in community centres across Warwickshire’s districts and boroughs for individuals and community members to book onto. The pictures on this page show the work a group of WRAP delegates produced in discussions about the behaviours that may be displayed if someone is being groomed or radicalised.

The Iceberg Analogy shows the process used in grooming and a list of the sad atrocities that have taken places across the world.

Commissioned Services and providers within the local authority were targeted through joint working with Strategic Commissioning. They were targeted with WRAP training and encouraged to book training with the Prevent Officer.

The Children’s Commissioning Team engaged in a briefing on Prevent. Several commissioned services have booked WRAP training, others have been completing the WILMA online e-learning Prevent training.

WRAP Train the Trainer sessions are offered across the county to frontline staff or team managers who are able to train to be an accredited Home Office trainer in WRAP. Once accredited, they are able to deliver WRAP training to their teams or communities where they live and or work. 47 new trainers have been trained to deliver WRAP during the last year. This trainer resource allows WRAP training to be delivered more widely without reliance on the Prevent Officer for countywide delivery. The Prevent Officer has created a Train the Trainer support group for countywide WRAP trainers to offer support, information and advice on their training and delivery.
A hard copy shortened version of WRAP e-learning training has been made available for frontline staff who are unable to attend face to face training or get to a computer to complete e-learning. In order to meet the Prevent Duty we want to minimise any barriers that may inhibit people from learning about Prevent.

The WILMA Prevent online e-learning training is available to internal and external individuals to the county council. In the last year 757 people have completed the training.

National Home Office statistics released in November 2017 identified that teenage boys nationally are prone to being groomed on social media and via the internet due to their usage and the current trend in gaming. It was identified that parents in Warwickshire would benefit from a training and support session which helps them to identify the websites and social media apps that have proven to be a danger in relation to grooming as well as providing parents information on how to stay safe online and to identify particular grooming dangers.

From these stats Prevent teamed with the Cyber Crime advisors to pilot a training session for parents called ‘Prevent Online Grooming – Keeping Your Family Safe’. The session was well received and is now offered in community centres across Warwickshire for parents to sign up to and is delivered in schools to their parents groups. It has proved to be very popular and bookings are being taken for sessions until December 2018. Currently 299 parents have been trained in 17 sessions.

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A DESIGNATED Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Bulletin report is disseminated at the beginning of each school year. Prevent creates part of this bulletin to update DSL’s about the subject area. DSL’s are expected to disseminate this Prevent information to their staff.

The Education Safeguarding Lead and the Prevent officer have designed supportive training slides for DSL’s to aid them to deliver a new WRAP3 training to their staff. Five training sessions were delivered to 102 DSL’s across the five districts and boroughs to train them in delivering WRAP3 between 2017 and early 2018. Further sessions are being planned and will be offered to new DSL’s from September 2018.

The Prevent Officer shares Home Office and Ofsted endorsed resources with Warwickshire schools to support them to deliver Prevent. The Ealing Prevent Toolkit for Schools is a document Ofsted require schools to be aware of and to be working alongside. This document has been shared by the Prevent officer in school briefings, training sessions and via social media in order to make schools aware of the document and support them to deliver Prevent in schools by using it.

A Further Education (FE) focus group has been created to offer support on Prevent to FE colleges. There is a regional FE Prevent Lead employed by the Department of Education to support the colleges although the colleges are appreciative of the fact they can receive local support from the Prevent Officer. The meetings also engage local colleges with their counterparts and allow them to share their best practice in relation to meeting the Prevent Duty and managing referrals successfully. These meetings take place twice a year in order to offer sufficient support.

The Prevent Officer uses the Local Authority’s Head’s Up newsletter to promote and share schools information, training and resources with schools quarterly.
SAFE EDUCATION (CONT.)

Pathways Training was delivered by the Further Education Regional Prevent Lead from the Department of Education. Pathways is a film for secondary school pupils and sixth form colleges which shows two young men groomed and radicalised towards opposing groups. Teachers are provided with resources to prompt conversations and discussions with young people after watching the film. Eight secondary schools and colleges attended the session and the resource was shared widely with all secondary schools and colleges in February 2018.

ZAK training has been delivered to schools on two occasions in 2017. 30 schools have been trained to work with young people around the interactive ZAK facebook social media resource in the classroom by the creators Kent Police and Kent University.

The Coventry and Warwickshire Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) requested a WRAP training session so they could consider how Prevent might impact on RE teaching and the RE curriculum. 15 members of the working group attended the training and the result of the session was that they were going to meet after the training to consider addressing some Prevent issues into the Religious Education curriculum across Coventry and Warwickshire.
THE WARWICKSHIRE Channel Panel and Prevent Strategy Group Terms of Reference were updated in 2017 and shared with both working groups. These TORs are scheduled to be revised on an annual basis due to the rapid pace of the work locally and nationally and will be revisited again in August 2018.

Warwickshire specific Prevent resources are currently being created in partnership with the local authority communications team. Work is ongoing to create a Warwickshire theme and strapline for our Prevent resources. Free Prevent resources will be offered countywide as a support for schools, community members, local venues and partners in order for them to share the prevent message through a series of posters and resources provided by Warwickshire Prevent.

An Out of Hours Helpline Document has been produced by the Prevent Strategy Group and their partners. This is available on the Safe in Warwickshire website. The document includes a number of out of hours helplines, services and websites to support those with vulnerabilities should they need help outside of the 9am to 5pm general working hours. This document has been promoted to community leaders and partners to share widely.
INTELLIGENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

THE COUNTER Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) was delivered to Warwickshire Prevent colleagues in May 2017 and February 2018 by our regional counter terrorism colleagues. In 2018 the local Profile raised questions for the local authority to consider. The questions are to prompt thought and discussion between the Prevent Strategy Group and Local Prevent partners. The questions will identify if our action plan, delivery of work, partners and our communities are addressing the threat of terrorism, working together and complying with national counter-terrorism policies and strategies. The document will bring partners together to identify any gaps in our work, determine what we are doing well and what we can improve on moving forward.

Prevent tweets and blogs are shared widely across Warwickshire in response to national and local media press releases. Supportive messages are shared through Twitter and Facebook with communities in the instance of international, local or domestic acts of terrorism and other information is shared that is relevant at the time.

The Prevent newsletter has become a popular source of information for Prevent colleagues and community members. There have been six copies circulated during the last two years and the distribution list continues to grow.

The Prevent webpage on the Safe In Warwickshire Website is constantly updated with relevant training, information and referral advice.
CONCLUSION

ACTIVITY TO DELIVER the Prevent agenda and strategy has become well embedded within partnership working across Warwickshire and contributes greatly to ensuring the county remains a relatively safe place to live.

The Prevent Officer has become well known in the role and is a single point of contact for Prevent advice, information and resources across Warwickshire.

Prevent work in some regional areas is negatively received but in Warwickshire the work has been positively received, with partners and communities willing to engage and positively support the activity.

Work will continue to deliver the action plan during the next year.

In light of the rapidly changing political and economic environment in which we currently live, the actions in the plan are reviewed and shaped regularly. It is imperative to ensure that they are also in line with the questions raised in the counter terrorism local profile (CTLP). It is important to be vigilant and to adapt and shape Prevent delivery accordingly.

Any extreme and terrorist tensions will continue to be managed sensitively through the work in order to develop positive community cohesion across all Warwickshire communities.
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