

Warwickshire Prevent News

Welcome to a round-up of news from Safe in Warwickshire, Prevent. For more information about Prevent visit our website www.safeinwarwickshire.com/

Local Context:

In Warwickshire, authorities and communities are working together to deliver the Government's Prevent Strategy. Prevent provides support and re-direction to vulnerable individuals at risk of being groomed into terrorist activities before any crimes are committed. Prevent is striving to be successful in eliminating the threat from violent extremism, building trust in Warwickshire's communities, working in partnership with them and empowering those at risk to make positive life choices.

Prevent is working to reduce **all** types of extremism.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE PREVENT ACTION PLAN:

At the last meeting of the Warwickshire Prevent Partnership there was a review of the priorities and activities to help deliver Prevent in the County. This updates the 2015-18 Plan and covers the period 2019-2021.

The six overall priorities for the partnership are outlined below:

WARWICKSHIRE PREVENT PRIORITIES

1. **Community and voluntary sector engagement:** To prevent and challenge extremist narrative and behaviour from within communities themselves.
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 local community tensions, identify vulnerable individuals and communicate Prevent activity across Warwickshire agencies and communities.

The Plan is supported by a range of actions which are to be undertaken across the partnership and include:

- Ensuring that we provide effective training to raise awareness of Prevent.
- Take action to support vulnerable individuals at risk of radicalisation.
- Engage with voluntary, faith and community sectors on the issues of extremism.

A full breakdown of the Action Plan is available on the Safe in Warwickshire website.

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PREVENT TRAINING COURSES FOR 2019/20

Face to Face Courses

A refreshed programme of Prevent training events has been developed for 2019/21 including one brand new face to face course that is available as well as new e-learning products. Contact Geoff Thomas (details below) to book on the course if external to Warwickshire Country Council or through the HR learning option if within WCC.

Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent

This Home Office approved course provides a great introduction to Prevent, discussing the issues of vulnerability to radicalisation, the risk, behaviours and how to access support. It takes around 1hr 30 minutes.

Prevent Update Training (NEW!!)

The Prevent Duty was established in 2015 and since that time many people have attended the Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent. However the changing nature of the threat and risk associated with Violent extremism means that we need to refresh our understanding of how vulnerable individuals can be radicalised and how we can work together to challenge this.

A new training course has been prepared for this purpose which covers:

- A brief overview of the Prevent Duty.
- The current priorities and risks in Warwickshire.
- The signs and symbols associated with extremism.
- The impact of online grooming.
- The support that's available and how to access it.

The training takes 1hr 30mins and is a practical guide to the Prevent Duty for Practitioners. This is also suitable for any staff who have previously attended WRAP and require some refresher training, as well as those who are new to Prevent."

Train the Trainers Prevent

For those practitioners who want to become trained in how to deliver Prevent training within their organisation we run a half-day session that provides a range of materials and case studies.

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DATES FOR 2019/20:

WORKSHOP TO RAISE AWARENESS OF PREVENT:

Date	Location	Time
21st June	Warwick	10am – 12pm
17 th July	Rugby	2pm – 4pm
19 th September	Leek Wotton	10am – 12pm
15 th October	Stratford	2pm – 4pm
12 th November	Nuneaton	10am – 12pm
16 th January	Warwick	2pm – 4pm
19 th March	Rugby	10am – 12pm

PREVENT UPDATE TRAINING (NEW):

Date	Location	Time
25 th June	Mancetter	10am – 12pm
25 th July	Warwick	10am – 12pm
26 th September	Nuneaton	10am – 12pm
29 th October	Leamington Spa	10am – 12pm
13 th November	Rugby	10am - 12pm
10 th December	Warwick	10am – 12pm
23 rd January	Rugby	10am – 12pm
27 th February	Atherstone	10am – 12pm
25 th March	Warwick	10am – 12pm

TRAIN THE TRAINER:

Date	Location	Time
5 th September	Warwick	9.30 – 12.30
19 th November	Warwick	9.30 – 12.30
6 th February	Warwick	9.30 – 12.30

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PREVENT E-LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

There two new Prevent e-learning products now available:

- A dedicated referral awareness eLearning package.
- A package that explains in depth the Channel process to support the online awareness tool.

Prevent Referrals (New!!):

The training is for anyone who has been through the Prevent awareness eLearning or a Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP), and so already has an understanding of Prevent and of their role in safeguarding vulnerable people.

It is aimed at anyone who may be in a position to notice signs of vulnerability to radicalisation and aims to give them confidence in referring on for help if appropriate. It is also designed for those (for example line managers) who may receive these referrals and have to consider how to respond, whether that be establishing more context, or reaching out to partner agencies for support. A link to the training is below.

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/preventreferrals>

Channel Awareness (New!!):

This training package is for anyone who may be asked to contribute to, sit on, or even run a Channel Panel. It is aimed at all levels, from a professional asked to input and attend for the first time, to a member of staff new to their role and organising a panel meeting. It covers both an introduction to what Channel is, how it operates in the user's region, and how to organise a Channel Panel for the first time. In response to feedback, it also covers information sharing, including how, when and with whom to share information of a Channel case. A link to the Channel Panel training is below.

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/channelawareness>

Prevent awareness eLearning:

The Prevent awareness eLearning has also been recently been refreshed. This includes updates to reflect the recommendations from the Parsons Green review, updated information following the change in threat and attacks of 2017, and new case studies. A link to the training is below.

<http://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk>

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CHANNEL PANEL REFERRALS:

The Channel Panel is the statutory multi-agency safeguarding group that meets in order to help safeguard vulnerable individuals from being radicalised. Each year the Government publishes information on the numbers of individuals referred and supported through Channel. This is available from the Home Office site and the most recent publication can be found [here](#)

Some of the key highlights are:

- In 2017/28, 7,318 individuals were referred under the Prevent Duty.
- This was an increase of 1,225 on the previous year (this data covered the period of the Manchester and London attacks).
- Of these referrals 1,314 were discussed at Panel, with 394 people receiving support and 2,902 signposted to alternative support.
- 84% of those who left the process did so with no further concerns around radicalisation.
- Of the 7,318 individuals referred, the majority (4,144; 57%) were aged 20 years or under
- Of the 394 individuals who received Channel support, 179 (45%) were referred for concerns related to Islamist extremism and 174 (44%) were referred for concerns related to the right wing extremism.

If you want to find out more about the Warwickshire Channel Panel and how to make a referral then go to the [Safe in Warwickshire website](#).

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PREVENT ONLINE GROOMING:

There is increasing evidence that the impact of the internet and social media has impacted directly on the exposure of vulnerable individuals to potential extremist content and individuals. This form of grooming activity also has much in common with other forms of possible harm, such as Child Sexual Exploitation, gang membership, criminal activity.

We have developed a training module which is explicitly concerned with promoting safety online.

Through the course we look at:

- The risks around online extremism.
- The grooming process and possible signs/behaviours.
- The risks from a range of apps, for example snapchat, WhatsApp, and tic toc as well as the dark web.
- Issues around online games.
- Techniques and products that help us to keep safe online.

The course details are available through Safe in Warwickshire. Individuals can book themselves on to the course, or we can deliver training to an organisation for multiple audiences such as staff, parents, or residents.

Recent attendees reported following attending the course that they left feeling:

- Better informed about the risks of online grooming and how to recognise grooming.
- Having a better appreciation of how different apps and games can be exploited.
- More confident in taking steps to safeguard themselves and others from risks.

To find out more about keeping safe on line and how to attend this event you can go to www.safeinwarwickshire.com/prevent and also www.cybersafewarwickshire.com

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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCE REVIEW OF PREVENT:

The Prevent Duty has been subject to public debate about its focus and impact since it came into effect in 2015. Since this time, more information on the work of the Prevent programme has become available, with greater scope to engage in events that discuss the issues around violent extremism and the efficacy of the Prevent programme to reduce harm. In January this year, the Government announced there will be an independent review of the Prevent programme.

Security Minister, Ben Wallace, said:

"I have decided that the time is now right to initiate a review of Prevent. Communities across the country have got behind the policy and are contributing to it because they want, as we do, their own young people to be protected from grooming and exploitation by terrorists.

Over the last two years the Home Office has built on the solid work of Prevent by releasing annual statistics. They clearly show that Prevent is not about singling out any particular group or ideology but is similar to other forms of safeguarding, carried out every day by social workers, teachers and police.

I am proud we have helped divert hundreds of people away from posing a real threat and put them back on the path of living a fulfilling, law abiding life. This review should expect those critics of Prevent, who often use distortions and spin, to produce solid evidence of their allegations."

We await further details on the nature and timing of the review - As the details are confirmed we will highlight this locally so you can make your views known.

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HATE CRIME CHARTER

The Equality and Inclusion Partnership (EQuIP) and partners from across Warwickshire celebrated the launch of the Hate Crime Charter in March this year. The Hate Crime Charter is aimed at supporting businesses in identifying and reporting hate crimes and incidents that may take place in and around their premises. At the launch of the Charter, Junaid Hussain, Chief Executive of EQuIP detailed the benefits of businesses signing up to the Charter and what was involved. "This initiative continues to build on the other great work undertaken through the Warwickshire Hate Crime Partnership that we are part of. The missing link to the insight surrounding hate crimes and incidents has been the business sector and this Charter clearly sets out how collectively we can create a safe environment where staff and customers can be supported".

- **The Charter** - funded by Warwickshire Police and Crime commissioner Philip Seccombe was developed in response to the year-on-year increase of hate related incidents reported to Warwickshire Police. The local Warwickshire Hate Crime Partnership website provides a full account of the Charter as well as much more information on topics such as:
 - How to report hate crime.
 - Useful resources and links.
 - Further training.
 - Advice for young people.

For more information go to <https://www.reporthatenow.com/>

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NEW PREVENT CONTACT:

Helene Heath has now left the role of Warwickshire Prevent Officer with our thanks for all the great work she undertook while she was in post. Her role has now been taken over by Geoff Thomas, who has previously worked on Prevent in Coventry and in the Black Country over the last 10 years.

If you have any queries regarding Prevent, please do feel free to contact Geoff, for example regarding:-

- Developing suitable safeguarding policies and procedures.
- Delivering bespoke training for groups and organisations.
- Advising on referral pathways and support.
- Support to local projects and communities seeking to reduce the risk of extremism and radicalisation.
- Booking onto face to face courses

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