

**WARWICKSHIRE
PREVENT ANNUAL
REPORT 2020–21**



INTRODUCTION

In the last Annual Report, we highlighted the early implications that the COVID-19 pandemic had started to have on the work of Prevent.

This report covers the events from September 2020 through to September 2021, and the implications of COVID-19 have become even more evident. We have benefited throughout this time however, by the strength of local partnerships, the willingness of colleagues across agencies and sectors to be flexible and creative in order to respond strongly to the challenges it has created.

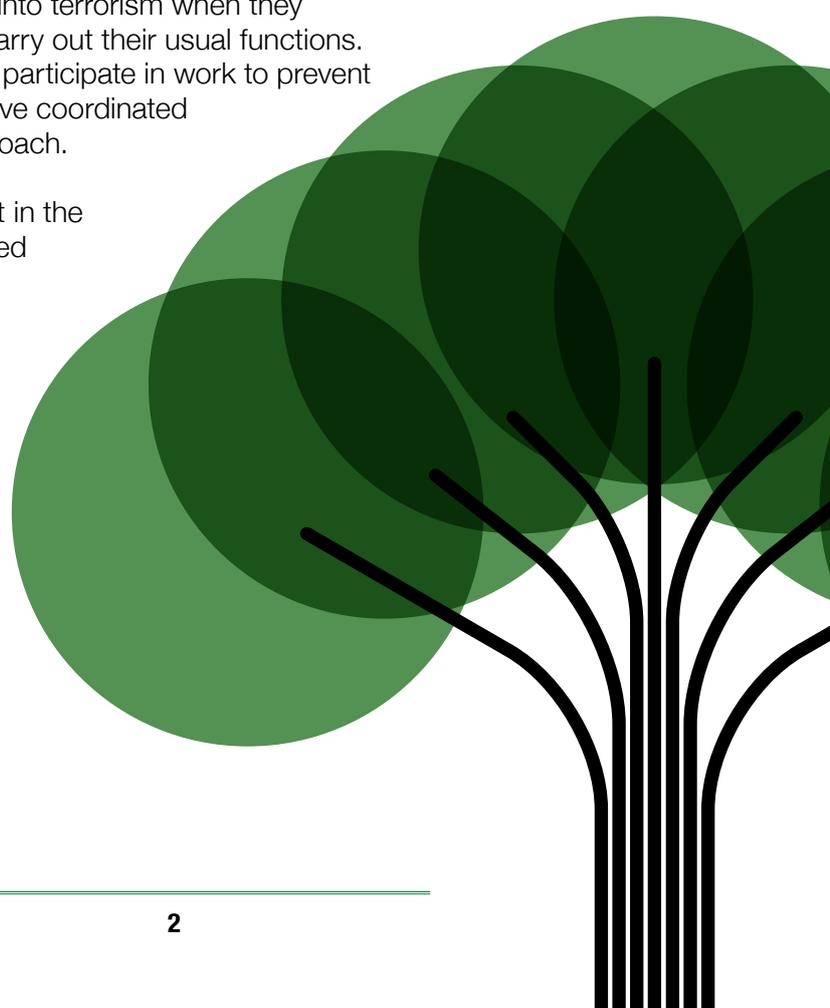
Locally the basis for much of our Prevent activity is set out in the Prevent Action Plan which sets in place our response to the statutory duties established in the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Statutory Duty and Governance Structure

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on “specified authorities” listed in Schedule 6 (see appendix 3 for the full list of specified authorities), in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”. This is supplemented by the recently published Channel Panel statutory guidance in November 2020.

“Due regard” means that the authorities should place an appropriate amount of weight on the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism when they consider all the other factors relevant to how they carry out their usual functions. Government expect all specified authorities to fully participate in work to prevent people being drawn into terrorism and states effective coordinated partnership working at the core of the delivery approach.

The main leadership for the Prevent Duty, as set out in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, is provided through the Warwickshire Prevent Strategy Group which meets quarterly, while the multi-agency Safeguarding group, known as the Channel Panel, responds to the needs of vulnerable individuals, and meets monthly.



¹Revised Prevent Duty Guidance: For England and Wales

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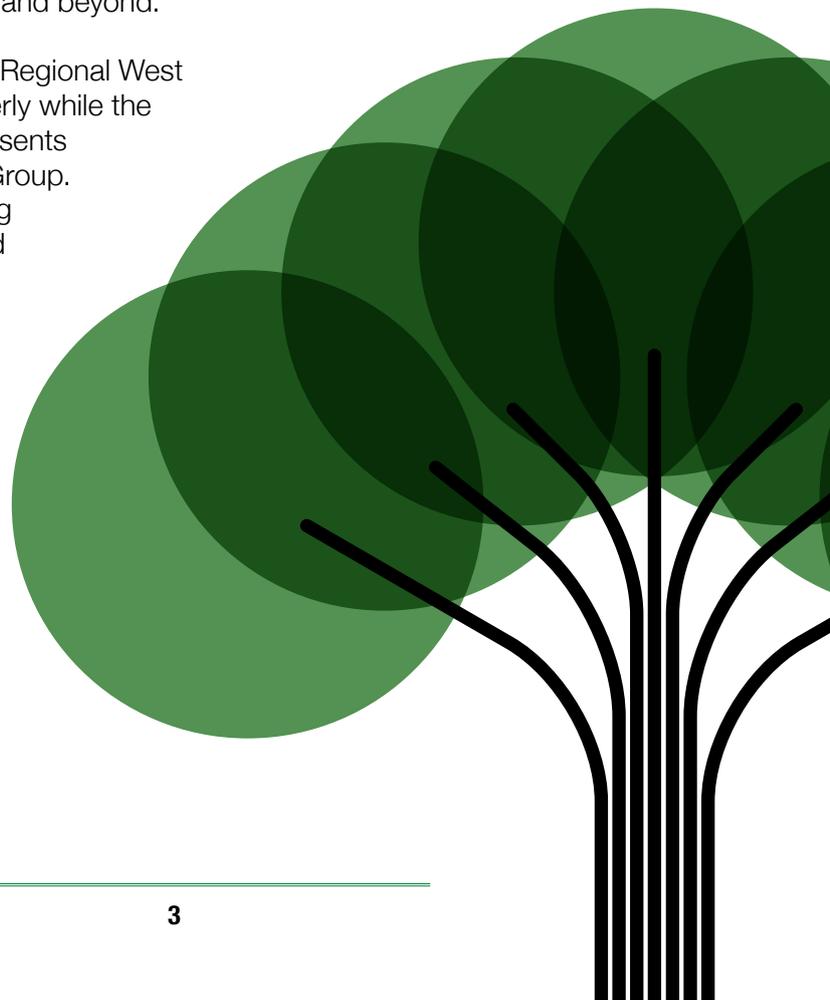
In Warwickshire the specified authorities which actively engage in the Prevent Partnership and deliver against the partnership action plan include:

- **Local Authorities**
 - Warwickshire Country Council
 - All 5 district and borough councils
- **Criminal Justice**
 - Probation services
- **Education, Child Care**
- **Health and Social Care**
 - NHS foundation trust
- **Police**
 - Warwickshire Police
 - Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner

This framework is supported by a far wider network of engagement for example with education safeguarding, further and higher education, police, Community Safety Partnerships, and networks both within the County and beyond.

The Prevent Partnership Officer is a member of the Regional West Midlands Prevent Working Group that meets quarterly while the Chair of the Warwickshire Channel Panel also represents the County on the West Midlands Channel Chairs Group. The involvement in these networks assists in sharing knowledge on West Midlands counter terrorism and community tensions, and ensures Warwickshire contributes to Prevent work delivered regionally.

The Prevent Partnership Officer is part of the national Home Office Prevent network and contact for delivery of Prevent training. The Home Office has recently established a new role – that of Regional Prevent Advisor. Ian Grundy has been appointed with a remit to support Warwickshire. Ian will be available at the meeting to introduce his role and priorities directly to members of the Board.



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Counter Terrorism National Profile

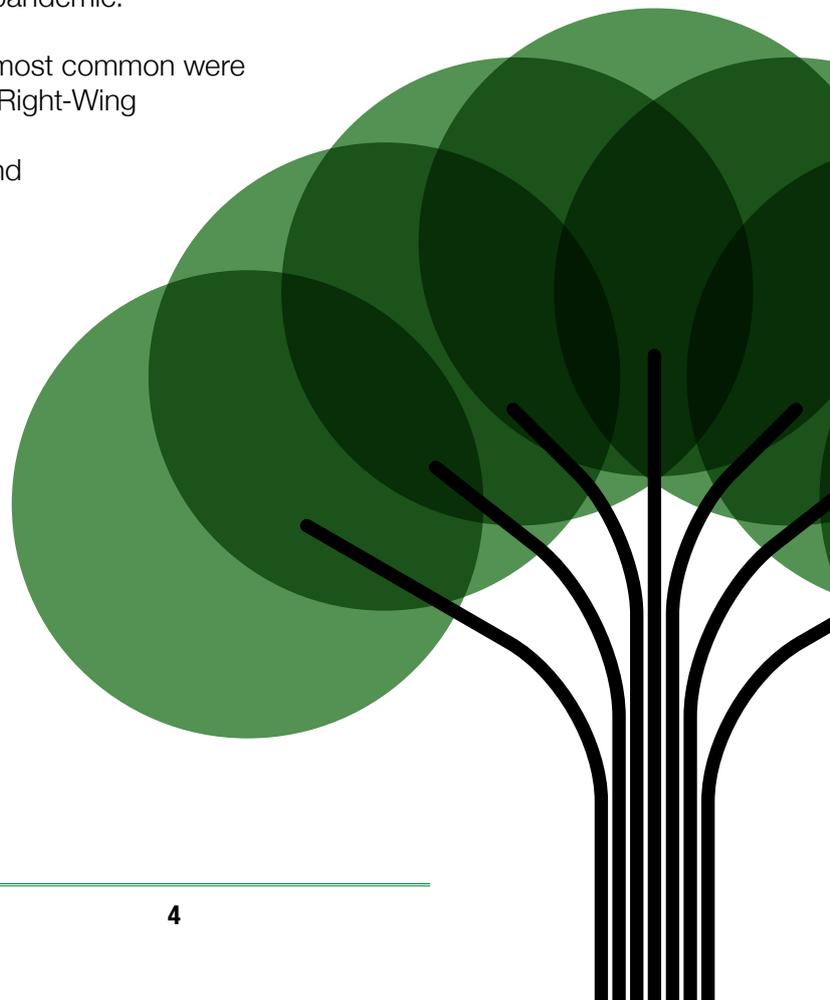
It has been reported that British police and security services had foiled four potential attacks since the start of the pandemic - meaning 29 plots had been thwarted since March 2017 of which 18 were Islamist inspired, 10 right wing, and one left wing or anarchist inspired. In addition, there have been several incidents recently that have raised concerns, including the tragic murder of David Amess MP in October, and the explosion at Liverpool Hospital. It was in the wake of the latter incident that the Government raised the threat level of a terrorist attack to SEVERE, having been at SUBSTANTIAL since February. This assessment is based on the judgement that the risk of a possible terror attack is highly likely.

As reported by the Home Office, in the year ending 31 March 2021, nationally there were 4,915 referrals to Prevent. This is a decrease of 22% compared to the previous year (6,287) and the lowest number of referrals received since comparable data are available (year ending March 2016). This decrease is likely to have been driven by the effects of public health restrictions that were in place throughout the year to control the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The Police made the highest number of referrals (1,770; 36%), followed by the Education sector (1,221; 25%). The year ending 31 March 2021 saw the lowest proportion of referrals received from the Education sector since comparable data are available, likely due to the closure of schools and universities because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Of the 688 Channel cases adopted by Panels, the most common were cases referred due to concerns regarding Extreme Right-Wing radicalisation (317; 46%), followed by those with a mixed, unstable or unclear ideology (205; 30%) and concerns regarding Islamist radicalisation (154; 22%).

This sets out the continuing challenges for us as a local Prevent partnership - to ensure that communities remain resilient to extremism and that potentially vulnerable individuals are supported. The strength of partnership work across the County, and the broadly positive community support it receives provides a firm basis for the Prevent Duty to be delivered in Warwickshire to help local people keep safe.



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Counter Terrorism Local Profile

Following the review of the latest Counter Terrorism Local Profile for Warwickshire in March 2021, there are six key priorities agreed by partners and this report will address the work within those sections. The 6 priorities identified in the Prevent Action Plan are:

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.



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COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

THE IMPACT OF COVID, WITH ITS RESTRICTIONS ON PUBLIC EVENTS TAKING PLACE, AND IN PARTICULAR INHIBITING COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NETWORKS MEETING HAS PROVED ESPECIALLY CHALLENGING OVER THE LAST YEAR.

We have maintained the direct links to essential community leads from CAVA, the Warwick Inter-Faith Network and EQuIP. Representatives from each of these sectors are members of the Prevent Steering Group and are important contributors in terms of relating information regarding prevent, both to their local contacts and having the opportunity to raise local concerns with statutory partners.

We are working with local faith communities to recommence the Safe and Secure project, which centred on enabling different faith groups to share insights and support to help keep places of worship safe is still awaiting a time when this can be recommenced.

We have however worked with colleagues in the Localities Team to support local online engagement both at a County and local level, for example through linking with the Young Peoples engagement group and the Bedworth Community Network. This has provided opportunities to raise issues around the impact of the pandemic and the importance of remaining aware of the risks from extremist activity. This has been supplemented by the communications activities outlined in section 6 below, providing regular information on developments both nationally and locally regarding the risks and response to extremism.

At the last meeting of the Prevent Steering Group, the importance of addressing this theme was addressed, with proposals discussed that will involve targeting community networks in the County, with a view to formalising a Prevent Network across communities during 2022. In addition, an important consideration identified for the year ahead, is to align issues of Prevent with wider community engagement that may be undertaken by partners in community safety, safeguarding or health.

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COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR ENGAGEMENT (CONT.)

Warwickshire Business Community

We have continued to support training events on Prevent specifically for the business community with events in the County during the year, including the Business Crime “It won’t happen to me event” in June. Events such as these combined topics on information security, cyber-crime as well as Prevent, and we will be looking to build on this over the next year.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

As a partnership to review the opportunities to undertake further community engagement during 2021/22 through innovative uses such as video conferences, or safe face-to-face events as conditions allow.

2 LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

The range of agencies covered by the Prevent Duty were all invited to consider the most recent assessment of Prevent priorities at an event in March 2021. The presentation outlined national, regional, and local issues. The recommendations from the Counter Terrorism Local Profile were reviewed at the subsequent Prevent Steering Group and these have consequently informed local priorities and areas of activity.

In addition, through the quarterly meetings of the Steering Group, we review any changes or developments that are occurring in respect of Prevent to ensure that our focus adapts to any changes in year. The Prevent Action Plan and work of Channel have been reviewed using the Home Office toolkit and self-assessment tools.

An initial self-assessment of the local partnership was undertaken by the Prevent Partnership Officer in September and reported to the steering group in October. This provides the basis for ongoing evaluation by all partners on the effectiveness of local arrangements both at the partnership level and within individual agencies.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That partners continue to assess their effectiveness through use of the Home Office Self-Assessment tools and develop improvement plans to enhance performance during 2022.

It was reported in last year's Annual Report that the Strategy and Commissioning team had trained in house staff and were looking to incorporate Prevent into local authority **commissioning contracts** to ensure that commissioned services are aware they should comply with the Prevent Duty should they deliver services into Warwickshire.

This resulted in a programme of training events specifically arranged by Public Health Commissioned Services, with 11 separate courses held over the year, with an estimated 200 local staff trained. Our key outcome for this training is that participants feel confident in knowing how to respond to any concerns – with over 95% of people attending stating that they felt either good or excellent in knowing what they needed to do. In addition to this positive outcome, we are now looking to offer training to local organisations on wider issues of online grooming and safety online.

2 LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY (CONT)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To roll out the Prevent Online Grooming and Prevent Awareness courses to third sector commissioned organisations during 2022.

The Prevent Action Plan and Channel Panel work in Warwickshire is shaped by the framework offered by the **Home Office and established within the Prevent Duty**. During the last year, there were a number of developments linked to the Channel Panel which are outlined below. There was also the completion of the Independent Review of Prevent which was conducted by David Shawcross. While this report has now been submitted to the Home Office, details of this and the response of the Government along with any local implications for local partnerships are yet to be announced.

As confirmed by the Home Office, the appointment of a Regional Adviser is aimed at supporting the mainstreaming the Prevent Duty benchmarks set out in the [toolkit](#). They will also be expected to support existing regional networks and the development of new networks, be that between practitioners or those with similar regional roles...as well as working closely with Channel Quality Assurance leads.

Following the reorganisation that occurred for Warwickshire Police Service during 2020/21, the links with West Midlands Counter Terrorism team developed, enabling closer working with Warwickshire Prevent. This has included prioritising the co-ordination of action plans; discussions on joint training and support to Channel Panel.

It is particularly pleasing to acknowledge the Prevent Ambassadors initiative taken by Warwickshire Police in September this year.

This scheme was targeted at over 100 Police staff in the county who volunteered to receive additional training on Prevent and provide a conduit within their local teams. It is hoped that this will improve the wider awareness of Prevent and enhance our local response.

2 LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY (CONT)

Also, during the last year, the Prevent Strategy Group initiated the development of **local Prevent Assessments**. For the first time these were available to provide an input from each of Districts and Boroughs into to the Countywide Counter-Terrorism Local Profile. At the last meeting of the Steering Group, it was agreed that we would build upon this approach to establish more locally specific action plans tailored to local issues in support of the wider Warwickshire Plan.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To take forward the drafting of Local Area Prevent Assessments and link these to locally drafted Action Plans in support of the County Prevent Plan

3 AWARENESS, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT

Training is one of the largest parts of delivery for the Prevent Action Plan across each district and borough. The main training package delivered has been the **Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP)** Home Office training. This session is an awareness raising package delivered from a Home Office framework 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.

Over the period of this report, some **65 training events** have been delivered by the Prevent Partnership Officer, with an **estimated 1,700 staff** trained through this programme. This represents a doubling of the number of people trained prior to 2020. Much of this was delivered online. While obtaining participant feedback has been more challenging online – where we have data available it confirms that the target of ensuring that 95% of participants reporting good/excellent in how to act on concerns is still being met.

Some of the significant developments regarding training during this time were:

- Over 320 Warwickshire GP's received Prevent awareness training in the last year. This represents an excellent initiative by health colleagues in linking to the Prevent Duty.
- The establishment of the new Designated Safeguarding Leads Course. This is a comprehensive programme specifically designed for schools and in the last year, 8 events have been hosted with an estimated 150 school safeguarding staff involved. The focus of the session is to enhance both knowledge and skills, with a wide array of resources and toolkits for reviewing vulnerability made available to participants. The feedback from the participants to this new course has been very positive and additional events are planned for 2022.
- A further module has been piloted during the year, and this update includes information regarding Incel and the emergent issues around online gaming. This is particularly apt following the mass killing by Jake Davison in Plymouth during August which raises concerns around Incel, and mixed, uncertain or unclear ideological extremist behaviour.

3 AWARENESS, LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT (CONT.)

- We are still awaiting the new version of the national Prevent Training programme, so currently the key framework provided Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent provides the central basis for our local programme. The new Home Office training products are anticipated for 2022.
- In the last annual report, the concerns around the issues of grooming online were highlighted and the work that was taking place around training for parents and staff called 'Prevent Online Grooming – Keeping Your Family Safe'. However, given the restrictions on face-to-face training we have not been able to deliver this course in person during most of 2020/21. However, we have now re-established a mixed programme of both online and in-person training for the year ahead.
- Of particular note for regarding training, was the event specifically hosted by Stratford Upon Avon District Council for their Elected Members at Stratford Upon Avon in January. This was very well received, and in addition to raising awareness of the Duty, also addressed the recommendations in the LGA guide for Elected Members.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Partners continue to ensure that staff receive access to appropriate Prevent awareness or refresh training.

The **annual Prevent event for 2020 was held in November** and attracted over 130 participants drawn from the full array of local partners, our largest number attendees for this event. It featured a keynote presentation from **Nicola Benyahia**, the founder of Families for Life, who discussed her personal experience of the impact of terrorism within her family and how to support families going through such traumatic experiences. The event also included a presentation from Will Baldet, a national Prevent lead on developments around extreme right wing groups, as well as Dr Nicky Fowler who outlined the role of the vulnerability hub in the region which provides expert clinical advice in support of individuals referred to Channel.

4 SAFE EDUCATION

A new training package has been developed specifically for School Safeguarding Leads, to enable them to be more aware of Prevent matters and how to respond effectively to local issues that may be raised by staff. In addition, the Prevent Partnership Officer has supported a number of schools and colleges directly across the County over the last year. There were 10 whole school events involving the Prevent Partnership Officer across the County. In support of this work with Schools, Prevent training now features as a standard part of the County **school governors** training programme.

In addition the **Further Education Prevent Network** has continued to meet and discuss issues around this agenda. During the year we have added the Department for Education Prevent Advisor as well as representatives of Warwick University to the membership of the group.

The Prevent Partnership Officer uses the **Head's Up newsletter** to promote and share school's information, training and resources with schools quarterly. For example, over the year, information has been sent out regarding the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, lesson plans relating to Prevent, as well as information and resources that can be used in school.

The Prevent Partnership Officer also attends the Safe Education Partnership to discuss issues around the Prevent Duty and local issues of threat and risk, in addition to the Education Safeguarding Subgroup to extend the links into the school's sector. Finally, on this theme, the Prevent Partnership Officer attended each of the 5 Warwickshire School Heads briefings to update senior colleagues on key issues around Prevent during March.

During the year, we were extremely grateful to the funding made available from the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands CTU to enable the **Game On** project to be delivered again during 2021. This project was delivered at Nuneaton Academy during April and also Etone College in July and covered over 350 Year 9 pupils across the two sites. This was very well received by both schools and covered information around extremism, conspiracy theories and illustrate how extremists seek to manipulate young people.

In both instances, the project identified consistent improvements in student self-reporting of understanding as well as providing a report which is being used to guide further action. Given the central role that the education sector has in relation to Prevent, it is very encouraging that there is such a strong link across the range of organisations and partnerships. The engagement and support to our local early years, schools and colleges in the County continues to provide a key priority for the local partnership.

5 SUPPORT

The **Warwickshire Channel Panel and Prevent Strategy Group Terms of Reference** were updated during this period. Additionally, in November 2020, the Government published the revised statutory guidance for Channel Panels. This is designed to provide a clearer and more consistent national focus for the work of the Panels. The Chair of the Warwickshire Panel, and members of the Panel have also taken part in national training on assessing the new guidance itself as well as key updates around the Prevent agenda.

One of the main changes brought in through this new guidance was the requirement to prepare a Panel Self-Assurance statement, in which the work of the Panel was assessed against a national template. This was signed off by all members of the Panel and submitted to the Home Office in April 2021. It was accompanied by changes made locally to adopt national leaflets and information to promote the work of the Panel as well as the consent forms we use.

In support of the continuous improvement programme for the Panel, we are looking to host training for all Panel members in December 2021, as well as work with the newly appointed Channel Quality Assurance lead at the start of 2022.

It is important to emphasise that despite the restrictions on face-to-face meetings we have continued to fully operate the work of the Channel Panel throughout this period. The meetings of the Panel have taken place as planned, using video conferencing and engaging all core members of the Panel. In addition, the support work to individuals referred to the Panel has been uninterrupted, thanks to the work of our partners supporting people within communities throughout this time.

The Government has also published information on the number of Channel referrals made nationally during the period covered by this report. This is available in full [here](#), and key highlights referenced in section 8 below.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

To deliver a programme of training for local Panel members and to work with the national Quality Assurance lead for Channel to continue to improve arrangements.

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INTELLIGENCE & COMMUNICATIONS

The **Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP)** was delivered to Prevent colleagues in Warwickshire in March 2021 by our regional counter terrorism colleagues. The presentation raised a number of issues for the local Prevent partnership to consider. These questions were used to generate issues for inclusion in the Action Plan at the Strategy Group meeting in May. Over the last year, as a partnership we have revised arrangements so that there is now a quarterly update of the CTLP delivered to local partners by CTU which enables the work of the Partnership to be more closely linked to emerging issues as they arise.

The Prevent webpage on the **Safe in Warwickshire Website** is constantly updated with relevant training, information, and referral advice. This also contains downloadable leaflets and information regarding Prevent.

Tweets and Blogs are shared widely across Warwickshire in response to national and local media press releases relating to Prevent. Supportive messages are shared through such online means 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** remains a popular source of information for Prevent colleagues and community members. There have been three copies issued over the last year and provides an effective means of raising the latest issues with the wider audience of public sector and community representatives.

Topics have included:

- Training opportunities
- National developments eg Independent Review of Prevent
- Referral Information
- Action Counters Terrorism
- COVID-19 pandemic
- Partnership activities

The newsletters are circulated throughout local partnership networks and also available through the Safe in Warwickshire Website which can be found [here](#).

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COVID-19 AND ONLINE SAFETY

There is no doubt that the COVID-19 emergency has continued to have had a direct impact on the issues surrounding extremism and the risks of radicalisation. As has been reported previously there are concerns that during the last year, more people have spent longer at home, spending more time online, when we have witnessed an increase in the amount of extremist and conspiracy centred material being distributed.

This led to a concern that some vulnerable individuals may have been exposed to extremist, radicalising networks, and material. As indicated above the Channel Panel provides a multi-agency safeguarding response to the needs of individuals who take agree to take part in the support programme.

However, given our concern to support wider communities to keep safe, as indicated above we do provide the Prevent Online Grooming course which not only advises on the potential risks involved in different social media or gaming use, but also gives practical information on how to ensure devices in the home are used safely. In support of this initiative, in July this year we published a guide to Online Safety. This is outlined below. A link to the information is available [here](#).

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COVID-19 AND ONLINE SAFETY (CONT)

A STRAIGHTFORWARD PARENTS GUIDE TO PROTECTING YOUR CHILDREN FROM ONLINE HATE, EXTREMISM AND HOW TO STAY SAFE ONLINE



YOUNG PEOPLE ARE SPENDING MORE TIME ONLINE THAN EVER

Young people need to learn about socialising online. Parents are juggling modern technology alongside working and navigating the risks children face. They are exposed to online hate, bullying and exploitation amongst many others. This interactive guide focuses on the risks that online hate, extremism, bullying and exploitation pose and how parents and carers can minimise those risks to keep young people safe online.



THIS GUIDE WILL HELP YOU TO:

- Understand the risks and issues
- Know where to get help
- Find resources
- Develop practical strategies
- Start conversations
- Build your child's digital resilience

RISKS & TACTICS

Everyone knows young people spend a lot of time online. Groomers may use these opportunities to target and exploit them using a variety of tactics.

They do this by exploiting a young person's emotions, beliefs or values. They may also use someone's anxiety, fear or feelings of isolation that many young people are currently experiencing.

Some may take popular online materials such as videos, pictures or documents and use these out of context to coerce a young person into holding a different opinion or changing their behaviour.

Prominent public figures are often misquoted as a means of engaging a young person, too. Especially those who are popular amongst children and young people. Their aim is to draw children into conversations and encourage them to share misinformation and hate.

Extremists often pick a genuine local issue or concern and use it to spread lies, fear and hate about the group they are targeting.

SPOTTING THE SIGNS

Groomers will often find a particular vulnerability in someone, gain their trust and seek to build and maintain control. If a young person is being groomed online, it is important to be able to spot the signs early.

These could be physical, emotional or verbal changes including:

- ⚠ Unexplained expensive gifts
- ⚠ Changes in mood
- ⚠ Language change (to more of an 'us' vs 'them' style)
- ⚠ Increased social media usage
- ⚠ Changing from their normal self to extremely introverted or extremely extroverted
- ⚠ Tattoos

This is not an exhaustive list and seeing one of these in your child may not mean they are being exploited. Often it is a series of changes in their appearance, emotions and communication that may indicate there is a problem.

WHERE TO START?

The most important thing parents and carers can do is talk to their child about what they enjoy doing online.

Talk about what they think isn't so good about being online and how to make it better. Keep talking as your child grows up and becomes more independent online.

For some families it might be useful to have a 'Family Agreement' whereby you talk through how they use the internet and how to behave positively online.

There is also an 'Online Safety Agreement' option to cater for non-family settings e.g. foster carers and youth group.

The more a stranger knows about your child, the easier it is for them to gain their trust.



SUPPORT, IDEAS AND RESOURCES

Click on the topics headings below to learn more about how to keep your child safe and support their wellbeing online. Learn how to talk to children about hate speech and spot the signs they could be groomed by extremists or other online groomers.

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COVID-19 AND ONLINE SAFETY (CONT)



LEARN HOW TO START A CONVERSATION

Learn how to talk and start a conversation with children about hate speech and how to spot the signs they could be groomed by extremists or other online groomers.



CONSPIRACY THEORIES

Conspiracy theories have grown significantly in the past year they have been fuelled by the confusing and unsettling nature of the pandemic and have resulted in people being drawn into extremists' groups, committing violent and criminal acts. They can also be deeply disturbing and unsettling for children and young people who come across them accidentally online.



EDUCATE AGAINST HATE

Messages of hate can take many forms. Extremist groups use them to recruit young people. Parents can find answers to common questions and resources to help protect their child from being groomed by extremists as well as ideas about how to talk to children about hate and extremism and where to seek help.



COMMON SENSE MEDIA

This website has the latest research, tips, and tools on what really keeps children safe online. Which privacy settings should you use? What are the ins and outs of parental controls? Get tips on everything from the basics, such as smart usernames, to the big stuff, such as appropriate sharing. Plus, lots of resources and strategies to look after your child's wellbeing online. What are the pros and cons of Roblox, TikTok, Instagram or how to talk to teens about online groomers?



ONLINE SAFETY

Internet Matters provides information on parental controls and offers clear and concise step-by-step guides for how to set these up on apps/devices and even as far as blocking certain websites from being accessed in the home. National Online Safety have a series of factsheets on social media sites and games designed to help parents stay in the know on the latest trends and learn how they can keep their children safe while on these. They also have guides on topics ranging from 'online pressures' to 'mental health'. These are all free, though you do need an account to download them. There is also a page on Internet Matters with advice for parents & carers to learn about helping your child understand the difference between friends and those who may seek to do them harm to ensure they have a safer online experience on social media.

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TRAINING FOR ONLINE SAFETY AND PREVENT

If you want to find out more information about keeping safe online and the risks of radicalisation you can take part in one of our FREE training courses. We provide training in the following topics:

PREVENT ONLINE GROOMING

This session provides practical advice on how to keep children and young people safe online – explaining some of the risks linked to the most popular apps and games and the steps you can take to help them use these safely.

PREVENT AWARENESS

This course discusses why and how some people become radicalised to support violent extremist causes. It explores how to look for behaviours and signs of radicalisation as well as how to act on your concerns to help safeguard vulnerable individuals.

If you want to find out more about booking onto these courses, or arrange them for your school or group, then email community_safety@warwickshire.gov.uk



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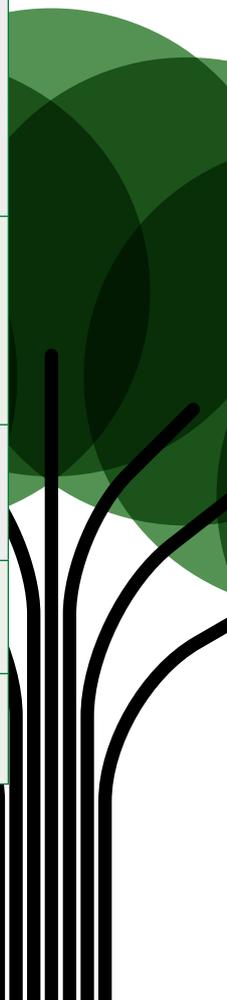
CONCLUSION

The Prevent Duty continues to be a key point of focus for both national and local interest. We await the outcome of the Independent Review of Prevent and Government response to this to provide a refreshed national framework for the future. What is clear however, is that there remain real concerns, not just at levels of online extremism, but the scope for terror attacks to be launched.

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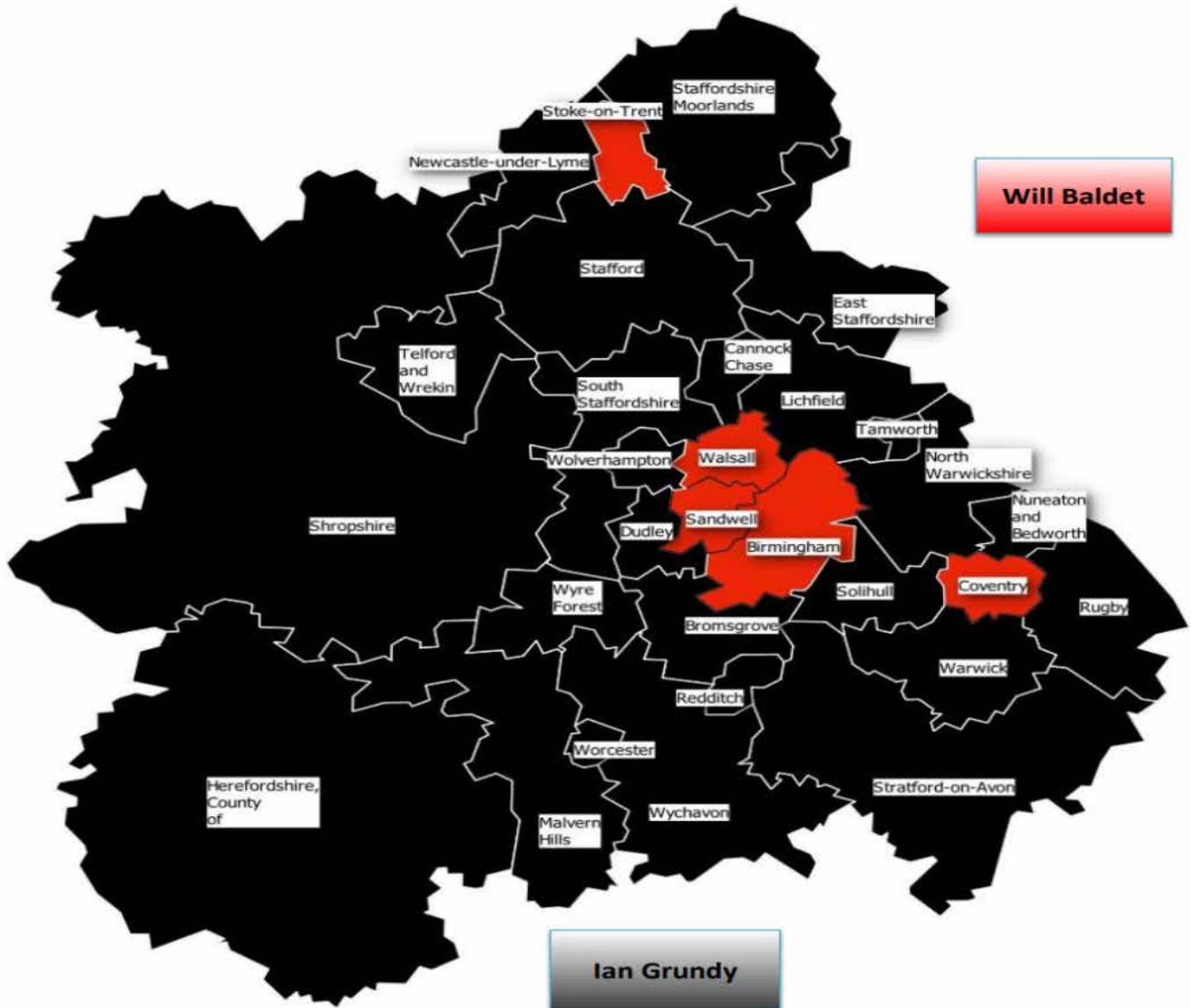
	Recommended action	Lead officer and key partners
1. Community and voluntary sector engagement	As a partnership to review the opportunities to undertake further community engagement during 2022 through innovative uses such as video conferences, or safe face-to-face events as conditions allow	All partner agencies - especially 3rd sector and community groups
2. Leadership, governance and accountability	That partners continue to assess their effectiveness through use of the Home Office Self-Assessment tools and develop improvement plans to enhance performance during 2022	Prevent Partnership Officer / All specified authorities
	To roll out the Prevent Online Grooming and Prevent Awareness courses to third sector commissioned organisations during 2022	Prevent Partnership Officer / Cyber crime officer / Strategic commissioners
	To take forward the drafting of Local Area Prevent Assessments and link these to locally drafted Action Plans in support of the County Prevent Plan	Prevent Partnership Officer / All specified authorities
	Explore the opportunities to develop Prevent ambassadors in other specified authorities and wider within Warwickshire communities.	Prevent Partnership Officer / All specified authorities
3. Awareness, Learning and Development	Partners continue to ensure that staff receive access to appropriate Prevent awareness or refresh training.	Prevent Partnership Officer
	To host the next event in January 2022 with input from the Home Office, the voice of a former extremist and an insight into the work of and Intervention Provider.	Prevent Partnership Officer
4. Safe Education	Recommended action: To identify partnership resource to fund programmes to raise young peoples awareness of prevent and their understanding of self reporting within Warwickshire. Game on is one option to be considered by the partnership.	Prevent Partnership Officer / All to consider funding and opportunities to engage
5. Support	To deliver a programme of training for local Panel members and to work with the QA lead for Channel to continue to improve arrangements.	Prevent Partnership Officer
6. Intelligence and communications	To continue to raise partnership and communities awareness in relation to the prevent agenda during 2022.	Prevent Partnership Officer

Table 1: Summary of all recommended actions for the coming year.



APPENDIX 1

REGIONAL PREVENT ADVISOR COVERAGE



A decorative graphic consisting of five overlapping circles in various shades of green, arranged horizontally. The text is centered within this graphic.

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