



# Two minute guide: Preventing Radicalisation

## What is Prevent

Prevent is part of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy CONTEST and is designed to safeguard vulnerable people and communities from the threat of radicalisation and being drawn into terrorism. There are different types of terrorism and Prevent deals with all of them. The most common types of terrorism in the UK are extreme right-wing terrorism and Islamist terrorism. The Newcastle Prevent team work together with Partnership agencies to stop people becoming involved in or supporting terrorist activity. Under the Prevent Duty all public sector agencies have a responsibility to ensure their staff and volunteers have a good understanding of Prevent and their responsibilities towards individuals, groups, or families they are working with.

## What is Radicalisation

Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and other forms of extremism leading to terrorism. Though no single factor is usually enough to cause someone to join a terrorist organisation, several factors together can create the environment where terrorism can occur. There is no singular profile of what an extremist looks like or what might drive someone to become radicalised. Those involved in extremist activity can come from a range of backgrounds and experiences. Radicalisation is a process, and the process is different for everyone - it can take place over an extended period or within a very short time frame.

## Factors contributing towards radicalisation

It is vital to be able to recognise the factors that might contribute towards the radicalisation of an individual. Some of the causes that lead to an individual becoming radicalised are no different to other factors that can lead vulnerable individuals towards concerning activity such as drug misuse, child sexual exploitation, gangs, and alcohol abuse. Other factors may include:

- the need for identity or belonging
- bereavement
- spending too much time online
- mental Health
- isolation
- a sense of injustice or grievances
- access to extremist material online
- a desire for power, respect, or status
- bullying
- drug/alcohol misuse

### **What behaviours might be displayed by someone who is being radicalised**

Radicalisation may be identified by an individual exhibiting drastic change in behaviour or language. These may include some of the following, but remember there may be other underlying reasons for behaviour changes:

- changes in mood, patterns of behaviour or secretive behaviour
- possession of violent extremist literature or use of inappropriate language/speech
- the expression of extremist views or sympathy to their causes
- seeking to engage or recruit others to extremist ideologies, extreme groups, literature, online social media groups or marches
- preaching or imposing their views on others
- isolating themselves from family and friends
- outbursts of anger
- change in language or use of words
- fixation on a new subject or person

The above should not be seen as an exhaustive list, rather an indication of worrying behaviours that could make someone vulnerable. For further information on the Prevent Duty and for information on Prevent training, engagement or and resources available in Newcastle contact the Prevent Team using the details below

## What to do if you have a concern –

### Notice – Check – Share

If you notice a change in an individual that could make them vulnerable to being exploited or radicalised, follow the safeguarding procedures within your organisation. Check your concern with a senior member of staff or designated safeguarding lead and if there is a genuine concern about radicalisation, then share your concern with the Prevent team or make a referral by following [prevent referral form](#) and select the 'continue' button.

For further information, please contact the Prevent Team:

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