

Prevent in Newcastle

Issue 1

CURRENT UK THREAT
LEVEL-

SUBSTANTIAL

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Welcome to the first Newcastle Prevent Community Bulletin. We need to work with all communities in the city to raise awareness of Prevent and protect vulnerable people from the dangers of extremism and radicalisation and we can only do this with your help.

We will use this bulletin to keep you informed of any national developments, local projects and any new resources that you may find useful to help protect communities from the threat of extremism and radicalisation.

Prevent

Prevent is a national multi-agency safeguarding programme that supports people who are at risk of becoming involved with terrorism through radicalisation. Partners involved include health, police, housing and education.

Radicalisation means someone is being encouraged to develop extreme views or beliefs in support of terrorist groups and activities. This can happen in person or people can also radicalise themselves by accessing extremist social media platforms that can lead to further engagement with extremist individuals, online networks, or groups.

There are still many social media platforms where extremist narratives flourish and increasingly, it is vulnerable young people who are proving susceptible to these online channels and forums. We need the help of all members of our community to prevent this form of harm taking place and to safeguard vulnerable people and would ask all parents and guardians of young people to be vigilant regarding their online activity.

To find out more visit www.newcastle.gov.uk/prevent



Newcastle Prevent Community Engagement Network

In March 2022, a Prevent Community Event was held in the Civic Centre, Newcastle. Around forty representatives from voluntary sector and community organisations attended, along with representatives from the Home Office Prevent Team. The event was designed to give representatives from the community organisations the opportunity to hear about what Prevent means in Newcastle and to be able to ask questions of the Home Office and the local Prevent Team.

The feedback from the event was very positive and we will now be making this an annual event. The most important development from the event was the formation of a Prevent community engagement network. Presently that network is comprised of organisations that attended the event, but with further community engagement we wish to extend the membership further across the city. By increasing the awareness of Prevent via community engagement we will hopefully make communities more resilience to extremism and radicalisation. The next Prevent community engagement event will be held in March 2023.

If you would like more information about the Prevent Community Engagement Network please contact:

- Sally Hamilton, community safety development officer by emailing sally.hamilton@newcastle.gov.uk
- Interested in joining the network please sign up [here](#)



ACT Early to prevent someone being drawn into terrorism. If you are concerned that someone is at risk of becoming radicalised by terrorists or online content. Get help www.actearly.uk or 08000113764

[Report terrorist or extremist content online – Action Counters Terrorism](#)

More than 20% of information received by CTP from the public, when investigated fully, turns out to be relevant to actual terrorist activity which underlines the need for communities to be vigilant and report any concerns