

## **PREVENT on a Page**

### **The Prevent Duty**

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 ([www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/6/contents/enacted](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/6/contents/enacted)) places a statutory duty on Early Years settings, schools, further education providers, higher education institutions, local authorities and other specified authorities and institutions (including young offenders institutions and prisons) to prevent children, young people and adults being drawn into terrorism and extremism.

### **What Exactly is PREVENT?**

Prevent is a community Safeguarding Programme that safeguards and supports those vulnerable to radicalisation. It is one of the four elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. The other strands are Pursue, Protect and Prepare. Full details of the CONTEST strategy and Prevent Duty can be found on the gov.uk website [www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-strategy-contest-2018](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-strategy-contest-2018) and [www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance).

The main aim of Prevent is to stop people being drawn into radicalisation. Operating in a pre- criminal space, it safeguards young people and adults, spotting the signs of radicalisation and providing early intervention to protect and divert people from being drawn into terrorist ideologies or activity.

### **What can PREVENT do?**

- Provide training and information to organisations with a statutory Prevent duty, to ensure that they are fully informed about Prevent related risks and know how to access help and support.
- Work with a wide range of sectors including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, online and health and community organisations, providing support, resources and education and information to combat the risks of radicalisation.
- Provide practical help to people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support.
- Refer to the Channel support programme so that with the consent of the vulnerable person, we can develop an appropriate support plan to reduce vulnerability and risk of people being drawn into terrorism.

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