

# Preventing terrorism and radicalisation



## What is Prevent?

Prevent is a safety net against radicalisation. Prevent aims to intervene early and stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Prevent deals with all terrorist ideologies, from Islamist to Extreme Right Wing.

Prevent is delivered locally by experts who understand the risks in their communities. This includes partners from the Local Authority, Police, Education, Health and charities.

For those who are susceptible to radicalisation, Prevent can provide personalised interventions to help them move away from dangerous ideologies, such as mentoring, ideological interventions, etc.

## What is Radicalisation?

Radicalisation happens when a person develops extreme views or beliefs that support terrorist groups or activities.

People can be radicalised by being exposed to radicalising influences in person or online.

A person's susceptibility to radicalisation may be linked to their vulnerability. A person can be vulnerable if they have special needs or require additional support or protection because of age, disability or risk of abuse or neglect.

## Common signs of radicalisation

- Accessing extremist content online or downloading propaganda material
- Justifying the use of violence to solve societal issues
- Altering their style of dress or appearance to accord with an extremist group.
- Being unwilling to engage with people who they see as different
- Using certain symbols associated with terrorist organisations.

## How to make a referral

Make a referral using the [National Prevent Referral Form](#) and send it to [preventreferrals@met.pnn.police.uk](mailto:preventreferrals@met.pnn.police.uk) and [childrensfirstcontactservice@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfirstcontactservice@sutton.gov.uk).

For guidance, consult your Safeguarding Lead or Sutton's Prevent Lead at [prevent@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:prevent@sutton.gov.uk)

## Seeking Advice

Similar to any other safeguarding issues, any concerns that a person or their family may be at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, should be raised with the individual agency safeguarding lead and/or consult with Sutton's Prevent Lead at [prevent@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:prevent@sutton.gov.uk)

### Regarding a Child

Where there are concerns that a child is at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, please [contact the Children's First Contact Centre](#) (CFCS) for advice.

Details on making a referral are on the previous page.

If you are a Children Social Care Worker and need advice regarding the assessment of risk in relation to extremism and support to identify appropriate interventions is provided, please contact the Children's Services Safeguarding Practice Lead:

**Anisha Patel**

Specialist Safeguarding Advisor  
[specialistsafeguarding@sutton.gov.uk](mailto:specialistsafeguarding@sutton.gov.uk)  
07802655771

### Regarding an Adult

Where there are concerns that an adult is at risk of radicalisation or involvement in terrorism, please [contact the Prevent Lead for Sutton](#) for advice.

Details on making a referral are on the previous page.

If you are an Adult Social Care worker and need advice regarding the assessment of risk in relation to extremism and support to identify appropriate interventions, please contact the Prevent Practice Lead:

**Debbie Brough**

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020 8770 6820

## Remember

**Referring someone to Prevent will not get them into trouble if they have not committed an offence.**

**Prevent does not try to punish people and they will not receive a criminal record by engaging in the programme.**

**Prevent connects people to support they need to protect themselves and those around them from the dangers of radicalisation.**

## Useful links

[Sutton Statutory Prevent Duty](#)  
[HM Government Prevent Duty Guidance](#)  
[Prevent Animation](#)

[Home Office Prevent awareness e-learning](#)  
[Home Office Prevent Duty Training](#)  
[Prevent Duty Animation](#)

