



**Safeguarding is  
Everyone's  
Responsibility**

## **PREVENT**

The National Prevent Strategy, published by the government in 2011, is part of the UK's overall counter-terrorism strategy known as CONTEST. The aim of the Prevent Strategy is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism by focusing on the following 3 objectives;

1. Challenging ideology that supports terrorism and those who promote it;
2. Protecting vulnerable individuals from being drawn into terrorism through appropriate advice and support
3. Supporting sectors and institutions where there is a risk of radicalisation

### **Prevent Duty**

4. Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 placed a statutory duty on specified authorities to have due regards to the need to Prevent People from being drawn into terrorism.
5. Specified authorities outlined within this duty include Local Authorities, Police Schools, Further and Higher Education, Health, Prisons and Probation.
6. The Prevent duty was introduced on 1 July 2015 to ensure that authorities have a consistent approach to the delivery of Prevent across the UK and to enhance efforts to prevent terrorism by responding to the ideological challenge of terrorism and dissuading people from travelling to Syria and Iraq.

### **The Kirklees Approach to Prevent**

7. The Kirklees Prevent Strategy tackles all forms of extremism and contributes towards the delivery of the “Protecting people from serious harm” theme within the Kirklees Community Safety Partnership Plan. This theme requires significant collaborative working between the Community Safety Partnership and the Safeguarding Boards for Adults and Children. In common with other areas (such as Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Exploitation) within this theme, the Kirklees Prevent Strategy recognises that there is no single factor to radicalisation and that vulnerabilities in individuals, along with a lack of protective factors can make an individual vulnerable to radicalisation.

### **What is Channel**

8. “Channel is a multi-agency safeguarding programme run in every local authority in England and Wales. It works to support vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism and provides a range of support such as mentoring, counselling and assistance with employment support etc. Channel is about early intervention to protect vulnerable people from being drawn into committing terrorist-related activity and addresses all types of extremism.
9. If an individual is referred to Channel, participation is voluntary. It is up to the person, or their parents (for children aged 17 and under), to decide whether to take up the support it offers. Channel does not lead to a criminal record.

**Procedures to follow for PREVENT and CHANNEL are set out in the school safeguarding policy.**