

Safeguarding Update: Preventing Radicalisation

Context

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (the Act) places a duty on certain bodies ("specified authorities" listed in Schedule 6 to the Act), in the exercise of their functions, to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism".

Radicalisation:

The process by which a person comes to support terrorism or forms of extremism leading to terrorism.

Vulnerability:

Describes the condition of being capable of being injured; difficult to defend; open to moral or ideological attack. Within *Prevent*, the word describes factors and characteristics associated with being susceptible to radicalisation.

Radicalising Materials:

Any literature or videos used by radicalisers to encourage or reinforce individuals to adopt a violent ideology. Some material may explicitly encourage violence. Others may take no definite position on violence but make claims to which violence is subsequently presented as the only solution.

The Prevent Strategy

Is part of the overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST.

Aim: to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

There are 3 elements:

1. Ideology – challenging ideology that supports terrorism and threats
2. Individual – preventing people being drawn in to terrorism by ensuring appropriate advice and support.
3. Institution – supporting sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.

Extremism:

Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

Requirements of Staff at TRHS:

Notice – a concern

Check – are there any reasons for a change in behaviour?

Share – with DSL (Derek/Heather)

Refer – done by DSL

No immediate risk? Contact Staffordshire Police Prevent Team (01785 232054 or prevent@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk)

Immediate risk? Tel: 999