

Harborough District Council Prevent Action Plan 2024-25

Priority: Statutory Prevent Duty

Aim: Work with local partners to protect the public, prevent crime and to promote strong, integrated communities.

Objectives :

The aim of Prevent is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Under section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 ('CTSA 2015'), specified authorities are required to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. Local authorities are specified authorities listed in Schedule 6 CTSA 2015.

Local Objectives

- 1) Comply with Statutory Duty under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015
- 2) To raise awareness of the risks of radicalisation through information and training

Prevent is part of the Government CONTEST Strategy 2023

Contest Strategy 2023 states:

The aim of Prevent is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Our Prevent work also extends to supporting the rehabilitation and disengagement of those already involved in terrorism.

The objectives of Prevent are:

- tackling the ideological causes of terrorism
- intervening early to support people susceptible to radicalisation
- enabling people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate

Prevent Duty Toolkit –Delivery Benchmarks

<p>1.</p>	<p>Multi-agency Partnership Group</p> <p>There is an effective multi-agency partnership group (also known as a board) in place to monitor and evaluate the impact of Prevent delivery and provide strategic governance.</p>	<p>See Action Plan</p> <p>Strategic Partnership Group (SPB oversees Prevent Delivery in Leicestershire)</p> <p>Countywide Prevent Steering Group (PSG)</p> <p>Prevent Local Operational Group (PLOG)</p> <p>Discussed at Senior Officer Group (SOG) with Community Safety Leads</p>
<p>2.</p>	<p>Local risk assessment process</p> <p>The local authority produces a risk assessment reviewed against the counter terrorism local profile (CTLP) and other data sources, including local knowledge and understanding of the area</p>	<p>See Action Plan</p> <p>A Harborough Situational Risk Assessment is completed yearly</p> <p>A good risk assessment will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• describe the risk of terrorism or radicalisation and ideological drivers• consider the existence of permissive environments for violence and exposure to radicalising influences, both online and offline• be regularly reviewed against emerging national and local information, analysis and CTLP updates• be briefed appropriately to decision- makers, including elected members with responsibility for Prevent <p>Harborough completes Counter Terrorism Local Profile questions each year.</p>

3.	<p>Partnership plan</p> <p>The area has an agreed Prevent Partnership Plan.</p>	<p>Leicestershire has an agreed Prevent Partnership Plan which is coordinated by the local Prevent Coordinator.</p>
4.	<p>Referral Pathway</p> <p>There is an agreed pathway in place for the referral of those identified as susceptible to radicalisation into terrorism or supporting terrorism</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Links below:</p> <p>https://www.leics.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/t/prevent/prevent/</p> <p>https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-safety/prevent</p>
5.	<p>Channel Pannel</p> <p>There is a Channel Panel in place, meeting monthly, with representation from all relevant sectors.</p>	<p>Yes Leicestershire's Channel Panel meetings are held on a monthly basis.</p>
6.	<p>Training Programme</p> <p>Frontline staff across the local authority, including those of its contractors, have a good understanding of Prevent, are trained to recognise where a person might be susceptible to becoming radicalised into terrorism, and are aware of available support programmes. Designated safeguarding leads and those with Prevent responsibilities have more in-depth training</p>	<p>See Action Plan below</p>

<p>7.</p>	<p>Reducing Permissive Environments</p> <p>There is an established multi-agency forum in place (using existing structures if appropriate) to identify, agree and implement (where necessary) lawful and appropriate actions to reduce permissive spaces used by those who radicalise people into participating in, or supporting, terrorism. This includes ensuring venues or IT equipment are not used by speakers and groups who spread extremist narratives which could reasonably be linked to terrorism.</p>	<p>See Action Plan below</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Communications and Engagement</p> <p>A communications and engagement plan is delivered to provide people with information about Prevent, increase awareness of Prevent's aims, and ensure they know where to go if they have concerns that someone is susceptible to radicalisation. The plan includes proactive public communications on Prevent and engagement activity with a range of community groups and civil society organisations, encouraging an open dialogue on Prevent and building public confidence.</p>	<p>See Action Plan below.</p> <p>Also separate Prevent Communications plan</p>

Action Plan 2024-25					
Objective/Bench Mark	Lead Officer/Owner	Actions – what to do to achieve the objective	Target date	Outcome/performance measure	
<p>1.Multi agency partnership</p> <p>There is an effective multi-agency partnership group (also known as a board) in place to monitor and evaluate the impact of Prevent delivery and provide strategic governance</p>	<p>Leicestershire</p> <p>Community Safety Manager</p>	<p>See Leicestershire, Prevent Delivery Plan 2023/24</p> <p>Local Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) HDC Director for Community Safety to attend SPB b) Relevant information from PLOG is fed back to the HDC Prevent Lead in order to pick up the relevant work locally. c) HDC Community Safety Manager attends SOG and feeds back to HDC and Community Safety Partnership d) Prevent is included in HDCSP Action plan. 	On going	<p>Strategic Partnership Group (SPB oversees Prevent Delivery in Leicestershire)</p> <p>Countywide Prevent Steering Group (PSG)</p> <p>Prevent Local Operational Group (PLOG) has District Representative</p> <p>Discussed at Senior Officer Group (SOG) with Community Safety Leads:</p>	

<p>2. Local Risk Assessment process</p> <p>Prevent Situational Risk Assessment are up to date and reflects local risk and harms from across Leicestershire</p>	<p>Community Safety Manager</p>	<p>a) Review the Harborough District Situational Risk Assessment annually – next review due 2024</p> <p>b) Any threats and updates taken to LLR PLOG to address identified emerging CT threats and risks across Leicestershire</p> <p>c) Complete CTLP Survey for Harborough District</p>	<p>03/2024</p> <p>September 2024</p>	<p>Harborough Prevent Situational Risk Assessment updated on an annual basis (minimum) prior to benchmark assurance exercise for funded areas</p> <p>Risk Assessment review (as above)</p>	
	<p>Leicestershire</p>	<p>d) Utilise the 2024 annual CTLP to identify CT threats and risks for Leicestershire and to work in partnership to address CTLP Problem Statements and Knowledge Gaps, with Prevent Police</p> <p>e) Analyse and assess LLR Prevent referral data and trends for LLR – ensure that available data sets are</p>		<p>Prevent referral data sets</p>	

		considered, and emerging trends are captured for revised activity.			
3. Partnership Plan The area has an agreed Prevent Partnership Plan.	Leicestershire	Leicestershire has an agreed Prevent Partnership Plan which is coordinated by the local Prevent Coordinator			
4. Referral Pathway There is an agreed pathway in place for the referral of those identified as susceptible to radicalisation into terrorism or supporting terrorism	Leicestershire HDC Safeguarding lead	See LCC Delivery Plan Regular review of HDC Safeguarding Policies to check they comply with statutory duty.	March 2025	Clear and robust safeguarding policies in relation to Prevent.	
5. Channel Panel There is a Channel Panel in place, meeting monthly, with representation from all relevant sectors.	LLR/Channel Panel	Individuals who are vulnerable to radicalisation are offered targeted and appropriate voluntary support by Channel and the multi-agency partnership.			
6. Training Programme Frontline staff across	HDC Community Safety Manager	Ensure appropriate frontline staff, including those of contractors (where appropriate), have a good	Ongoing – regular Safeguarding Training	Number of staff trained. Number of Cllrs	

<p>the local authority, including those of its contractors, have a good understanding of Prevent, are trained to recognise where a person might be susceptible to becoming radicalised into terrorism, and are aware of available support programmes. Designated safeguarding leads and those with Prevent responsibilities have more in-depth training</p>	<p>Human Resources Safeguarding Lead</p>	<p>understanding of Prevent via: a) Compulsory Online training for new starters b) Prevent part of Gold HDC Safeguarding training which is delivered to frontline staff. c) Including an element of Prevent awareness in Cllr inductions d) Specific Prevent Training to Designated Safeguarding Officers and groups as required</p>	<p>sessions planned in through year</p>	<p>trained. 100% new starters have safeguarding training</p>	
<p>7. Reducing Permissive Environments – To ensure venues or IT equipment are not used by speakers and groups who spread extremist narratives which could reasonably be linked to terrorism.</p>	<p>HDC Assets Manager Market and Events Manager</p>	<p>a) Review and update our room hire process to ensure that a rigorous system is in place for new bookings and that staff responsible for them are trained to know what to do if they suspect that a booking gives rise to a risk of supporting a terrorist organisation or</p>	<p>March 2025</p>	<p>Venues have a rigorous booking systems in place and staff responsible for them are trained to know what to do if they have suspicions There is a venue hire/ lease policy in place, to</p>	

<p>Venue hire – Multi-agency partners work together to reduce permissive environments and the risk of people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.</p>	<p>Community Safety/Prevent Lead</p>	<p>radicalisation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Venue hire staff have access to training on due diligence, including for public sector staff who deal with venue hire. c) Review HDC public sector venue hire policy and ensure that measures are taken to prevent local authority venues being used by radicalisers to spread or promote terrorist ideologies and extremist narratives used to support them. d) Provide guidance and support for other organisations within their areas to ensure that they do not inadvertently provide platforms for extremist influences which may reasonably be linked to terrorism 		<p>ensure that premises are not used by radicalising influencers.</p>	
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<p>IT Policy – publicly-owned resources have appropriate policies in relation to their IT equipment and networks. Such policies typically refer to the Prevent duty specifically.</p>	<p>HDC ICT Manager</p>	<p>a) Ensure there is a local authority IT policy in place, that is regularly reviewed, which prevents access to materials that harm or influence people susceptible to radicalisation.</p> <p>b) Ensure that publicly-owned resources do not provide a platform for radicalisation and are not used to spread violent extremist views used to legitimise, support, or encourage terrorism-related activity.</p>	<p>March 2025</p>	<p>There is an effective IT policy in place to prevent the access of extremist materials by users of networks.</p> <p>Reviewed on an annual basis.</p>	
<p>Grants/ Contracts – Prevent funding does not go to organisations or people whose espouse views that legitimise, encourage or support terrorism-related activity</p>		<p>a) Ensure that organisations that work with the local authority on Prevent are not engaged in extremist activity linked to terrorism, including or the spread of extremist ideologies used to radicalise others into terrorism-related activity.</p>		<p>Grants allocated by HDC are not given to, or used by radicalising influencers.</p>	

		<p>b) A Statement in grant applications to ensure bids comply with HDC expectations</p>		<p>Relevant contracts and grants include statement or clause around section 26 of counter terrorism act.</p>	
<p>8. Communications and Engagement</p> <p>A communications and engagement plan is delivered to provide people with information about Prevent, increase awareness of Prevent's aims, and ensure they know where to go if they have concerns that someone is susceptible to radicalisation</p>	<p>Community Safety Officers</p>	<p>a) Arrange regular awareness events and communications (including social media campaigns) to community based organisations to highlight or address any concerns around radicalisation - e.g. links with Parish Councils.</p> <p>b) There is a communications plan in place to proactively communicate and increase transparency of the reality / impact of Prevent work, and support frontline staff and communities to understand what Prevent looks like in practice</p>		<p>People have a greater understanding of how Prevent is delivered locally and know where to go for support with radicalisation concerns. Local groups are well-informed and supportive of the local Prevent team's approach</p> <p>There is engagement with a range of communities and civil society groups, both faith-based and secular, to encourage an open and transparent dialogue on the Prevent Duty.</p> <p>Campaigns are</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">c) Ensure there is a dedicated Prevent section on the local authority website, with details of who people should contact if they wish to discuss a concernd) Mentions of Prevent in local authority newsletters and staff communications to provide updates on Prevent activity or training for duty sector partnerse) Use of social media to share facts about Prevent delivery and campaigns.f) work in partnership with regional counterparts, police colleagues and the Home Office to develop shared engagement initiatives or host events		promoted to relevant staff and Communities.	
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<p>Utilise Elected Member links within the community and identity opportunities for community engagement for a focussed session to raise proposals on Prevent awareness raising activities. To ensure Elected Members kept informed on Prevent duties and their role within this.</p>		<p>g) Maintain a network of community contacts who can be called on to discuss emerging risks and who can promote positive messages of reassurance at times of high community tension or following an incident</p> <p>h) Arrange appropriate meetings to help inform EM on key themed engagement and awareness raising opportunities on key prevent duty benchmarks.</p>			
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