

Prevent

Prevent is about safeguarding our communities from the threat of terrorism by **stopping people from supporting it or becoming terrorists themselves**. **Radicalisation** is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies.

The Prevent statutory duty was introduced through the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and requires local authorities, schools, colleges, universities, health bodies, prisons and probation, and police to consider the need to safeguard people from being drawn into terrorism in their day-to-day work. The purpose of the duty is twofold: it ensures we build resilience to terrorist propaganda by encouraging discussion, debate and challenge; and it helps to ensure that individuals who might be at risk of radicalisation are supported as they would be under other safeguarding processes

There is no single profile of a terrorist or violent extremist. Factors which may make people more vulnerable include:

- Substance and alcohol misuse
- Peer pressure
- Influence from older people or via the internet
- Bullying
- Crime and anti-social behaviour
- Domestic violence
- Family tensions
- Race/hate crime
- Mental health issues
- Lack of self-esteem or identity
- Grievances (personal or political)
- Migration

Manchester has been a Prevent priority area since 2008 and the **Community Safety Partnership** lead this work; for more information visit their website at www.makingmanchestersafer.com

If you have concerns about an individual potentially being radicalised please ring **101 quoting Channel or the Anti-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321**. **If it is an emergency please ring 999**.

The **Manchester Prevent and Community Cohesion Coordinator** is Samiya Butt – contact by email at s.butt@manchester.gov.uk or call **0161 234 1489**.

The **Channel Team** is based at GMP Headquarters within the North West Counter-Terrorism Unit – contact by email at channel.project@gmp.police.uk or call **0161 856 6362**.