



Stockport Prevent Strategy

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Introduction

The Stockport Prevent Strategy sets out the Partnership's strategic aims. A separate action plan sets out the objectives and how they will be met.

The Prevent Agenda

The Prevent Strategy forms part of Government's wider CONTEST counter-terrorism strategy with the overall aim of reducing the threat to the UK from terrorism. The Channel process forms a key part of the Prevent Strategy.

CONTEST is based on four areas of work:

- Prevent: to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
- Pursue: to stop terrorist attacks.
- Protect: to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack.
- Prepare: to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack.

On 4 June 2018, the Home Secretary launched the government's fourth published version of CONTEST¹. The strategy sets out how the government will continue to reduce the risk to the UK and its citizens and interest overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

The refreshed CONTEST strategy has revised the objectives the government's **Prevent Strategy** (published in June 2011) to promote safeguarding along with a greater focus on disengaging and rehabilitating those engaged in terrorism. The revised **Prevent Strategy objectives** are to:

- Tackle the **causes** of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism.
- Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through **early intervention**, identifying them and offering support.
- Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to **disengage and rehabilitate**.

Prevent Duty

Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act places a duty on specified bodies including Local Authorities, schools, Further and Higher Education colleges, Health, HMP and Probation services and the Police to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism' in the exercise of their functions.

There are four main areas of responsibility for Local Authorities through Prevent, these are:

- **Partnership Working** - Local Authorities need to work with local partners to protect the public, prevent crime and to promote strong, integrated communities.
- **Risk Assessment** - make use of existing counter-terrorism local profiles to assess the risk of individuals being drawn into terrorism.
- **Action Planning** - any authority that assesses there is a risk should develop a Prevent action plan.

¹ A full copy of the strategy is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-strategy-contest-2018>

- **Staff Training** - Local Authorities will be expected to ensure appropriate frontline staff have a good understanding of Prevent and are trained to recognise vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism and act accordingly.

Channel Duty

Section 36 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act places a duty on local authorities to ensure that Channel panels are in place for their areas.

The Channel process uses a multi-agency approach to protect vulnerable people by:

- Identifying individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism
- Assessing the nature and extent of that risk
- Developing the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned
- Ensuring that the plan is delivered and reviewed at regular intervals.

Aims and Objectives

This Strategy has the same objectives as the national Prevent Strategy, namely to:

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The accompanying Action Plan will take into account the local context and the Counter Terrorism Local Profile to establish operational priorities.

Local Management of Prevent

Roles and Responsibilities

Key roles and responsibilities within the local management structure are set out below:

Role	Key Responsibilities in Relation to Prevent
Deputy Chief Executive, SMBC	<p>Prevent Lead</p> <p>The Deputy Chief Executive (DCE) is the Local Authority lead for Prevent. On behalf of the Safer Stockport Partnership (SSP Board), Stockport Council’s Deputy Chief Executive, has lead responsibility for the “Radicalisation and Extremism” Strategic Priority within the Safer Stockport Partnership Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership Working - establish or make use of an existing local multi-agency group to agree risk and co-ordinate Prevent activity. • Risk Assessment - making use of existing counter-terrorism local profiles. • Action Planning - developing a Prevent action plan. • Staff Training - ensuring appropriate frontline staff have a good understanding of Prevent and are trained.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completing a risk assessment based upon information known which is shared with case workers from all the agencies involved • Liaise with the Police re the Sec 36 decision to ensure it is appropriate for the referral to be heard at the Channel Panel. • Present cases at the Channel Panel. • Conduct 6 and 12 month reviews following case closure. <p>Case support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For all cases, ensure progress against actions from partner agencies is recorded and kept up to date on CMIS. • Appropriately deal with sensitive and confidential information on individuals and on issues of current local and national security. • Coordinating any agreed actions from Panel, which may include commissioning interventions and review reports of interventions. • Ensure that individuals are referred to other safeguarding/support agencies as directed by the panel. • Complete initial assessment visits to individuals referred to Channel (supported by appropriate lead professional) to gain consent for any support that is offered. • Case management (e.g keeping in regular contact with the individual in order to update the panel on progress, but the CC is not expected to be a key worker.) • Reviewing Channel cases monthly until closure. <p>Stakeholder management:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and develop strong working partnerships with agencies, including health, schools, HE/FE institutions, police, probation and faith and religious organisations and within council services (for example housing, children’s and adult social services). • Build working relationships across LA's. • Attend Multi agency meetings where appropriate with the relevant Prevent lead. • Lead on providing advice and responses to Freedom of Information requests.
<p>Adult Safeguarding & Prevent Lead Stockport NHS FT</p> <p>Looked After Children NHS Stockport CCG</p>	<p>Named Nurse & Designated Nurse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embed Prevent programme into policies and practices, including Safeguarding procedures • Deliver Prevent awareness and other relevant training to all commissioning and provider staff who provide services to NHS patients, including private and voluntary agencies • Have in place networks for advice, support and referral to Channel • Ensure all staff are aware of information sharing protocols • Local NHS safeguarding forums will ensure the duty is fulfilled and delivered effectively

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Senior Probation Officer, National Probation Service (NPS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Probation counter-terrorism lead (PCTL) to provide regional leadership to ensure processes for identifying, assessing and managing high-risk terrorist offenders are followed, and to provide a consultative role to Community Rehabilitation Companies (CRCs) • Work with offenders convicted of terrorism or terrorism related offences and prevent other offenders from being drawn into terrorism or extremist ideas • Actively participate in local Community Safety Partnerships • Carry out risk assessments and provide bespoke interventions as appropriate, including referral to other agencies and Channel • Work in partnership with other agencies, including prisons and the police, to assess and manage in the community any risks identified via Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) • Ensure staff are trained
Policy, Performance and Reform Manager	Prevent Co-ordinator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convening multi-agency Prevent Steering Group meetings and supporting delivery of Steering Group functions • Support preparation and delivery of the Prevent action plan • Attend GM Prevent Network Meetings

Prevent Steering Group

The Prevent Lead, supported by Stockport Council’s Policy Performance and Reform Service, will co-ordinate delivery of Stockport’s Prevent Strategy, through the Prevent Steering Group.

The Prevent Steering Group forms a key part of the governance structure in relation to delivering Prevent. The diagram below illustrates this:



Membership of the Prevent Steering Group is as follows:

- SMBC Deputy Chief Executive/ Prevent Lead (Chair)
- Detective Constable – Prevent

- Head of Service, Safeguarding and Learning/ Channel Panel Chair representing the education sector
- National Probation Service – NW Division
- Adult Safeguarding & Prevent Lead, Stockport NHS FT
- Looked after Children Designated Nurse, NHS Stockport CCG
- Policy, Performance and Reform Manager/ Prevent Co-ordinator

Prevent Problem Solving Process

Where issues arise that cannot be managed within the Prevent process, the response will be led by the Prevent Lead in conjunction with the police and other parties. The issue will be referred to the Stockport Prevent Steering Group as appropriate.

Where an incident involves an education or school setting, it will be addressed through Stockport Family and the Safeguarding Unit and escalated to the Prevent Lead where necessary.

Where the incident involves the use of premises, the response will be led by the police, who will inform the Prevent Lead. The Prevent Lead will then decide whether to convene a Prevent Steering Group meeting to agree an action plan.

Channel Panel

Stockport's Channel Panel process is essentially a safeguarding programme aimed at supporting individuals identified as vulnerable to being drawn into violent extremism or terrorist related activity. "Channel may be appropriate for anyone who is vulnerable to being drawn into any form of terrorism. Channel is about ensuring that vulnerable children and adults of any faith, ethnicity or background receive support before their vulnerabilities are exploited by those that would want them to embrace terrorism, and before they become involved in criminal terrorist activity." (Channel Duty Guidance, 2015)

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 requires the following in relation to Channel Panels:

- a) local authorities to ensure that a multi-agency panel exists in their area;
- b) the local authority to chair the panel;
- c) the panel to develop a support plan for individuals accepted as Channel cases;
- d) the panel to consider alternative forms of support, including health and social services, where Channel is not appropriate; and
- e) all partners of a panel (as specified in Schedule 7 of the statutory Channel Duty guidance), so far as appropriate and reasonably practicable, to cooperate with the police and the panel in the carrying out of their functions.

Stockport's Channel Panel has a multi-agency membership and engages with a range of partners including Greater Manchester Police, Stockport Council Safeguarding Services, Health, Housing, Youth Offending Service.

Channel Panel Process

Where a concern about an individual has been identified, partner agencies can make a referral to the Channel Panel in the following ways:

- Email the Channel Panel at channelpanel@stockport.gov.uk

- Where there is a concern about a child or young person, contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Support Hub or MASSH on 0161 217 6028 6028 and ask to speak to a member of the Aspire team
- Where there is a concern about an adult, contact the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Support Hub (MASSH) on 0161 217 6029; massh@stockport.gov.uk
- If an issue arises out of office hours, phone **0161 718 2118**

Reporting Concerns

Partner agencies should raise concerns about individuals being drawn into terrorism via local authority safeguarding procedures as set out under “Channel Panel Process”.

Reporting concerns about Terrorism

There are a number of ways to report any worries you may have about individuals who may be at risk of radicalisation by people who are involved in, or support, terrorism.

- In an emergency, dial 999
- Contact Greater Manchester Police on the non-emergency number 101
- Call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on  0800 789 321 or
- Complete a [confidential on line form](#)

If you suspect it, report it.

References

Government’s counter-terrorism strategy, [CONTEST](#)

Government’s [Prevent strategy](#)

Guidance has been published setting out the detail for specified authorities on action needed to fulfil responsibilities under the Duty ([Prevent Duty Guidance](#)).

Channel Duty guidance is aimed at members and partners of local panels involved in the Channel process ([Channel Duty Guidance](#)).