

# Prevent Summary

**CONTEST** is the UK's counter terrorism strategy that aims to reduce the risk we face from terrorism so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

CONTEST is made up of the 4 'P's: Protect, Prepare, Pursue and Prevent.

**PREVENT** aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism or extremism.

Main points from WRAP training:

- **Normal social processes** are used to influence us in our daily lives and we use them to influence others. Radicalisers use exactly the same processes of influence when trying to radicalise vulnerable people.
- **Prevent can be applied to all forms of terrorism and extremism.**
- Terrorism is a criminal issue and not a religious one. It just so happens that religion is one of the tools some criminals abuse in order to radicalise some people.
- Most terrorists and extremists will use a **narrative or ideology** as their way of legitimising their violent objectives. This narrative or ideology often takes the form of a distortion of history or religion which is designed to incite anger or invoke a sense of injustice.
- **There is no profile of a terrorist.** Many different factors may make a person susceptible to radicalisation. **Everyone is different** and so a person susceptible to radicalisation may have one, all or none of the factors.

## Some factors which may make someone susceptible to radicalisation:

Identity	personal crisis	loss/bereavement	drug/alcohol abuse
Isolation	mental health	Internet	grievances
Ideology	peer pressure	group identity	Islamaphobia
media	hate crime	Lack of theological knowledge	

- **Radicalisation is a process** and not a one off event. During the process it is possible to intervene to prevent vulnerable people being drawn into terrorism or extremism.
- Prevent is about all front line workers working to make a difference. It is about recognising concerns, understanding what is going on and, where appropriate, making a referral. **Prevent is about supporting and redirecting people, not criminalising them**
- **Safeguarding people from radicalisation is no different from safeguarding them from other forms of harm.**
- **CHANNEL** is a multi agency process which provides support and intervention for those who may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and extremism.
- Anyone can make a referral to the Channel process, for example, social services, health, education, youth offending teams, local communities. Most partner agencies will have a Prevent SPOC (single point of contact) within their organisation or referrals can be made direct to police.

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