



PREVENT

Myth and Reality

Prevent seeks to intervene in the radicalisation process

- To stop people being radicalised, we need to understand the risk factors to know how and where to intervene

- No single profile...

- Majority **male**, small no. of females
- Some in **steady relationships**
- Ethnically diverse
- Majority **British citizens**, half UK born
- **Range of education levels**
- Few have **deep knowledge of faith**
- Disproportionately high no. **converts**.
- Some, but not all, previously involved in **criminal activity**
- Vulnerabilities include **mental health**

In the absence of protective factors
and/or obstacles

Background
vulnerabilities



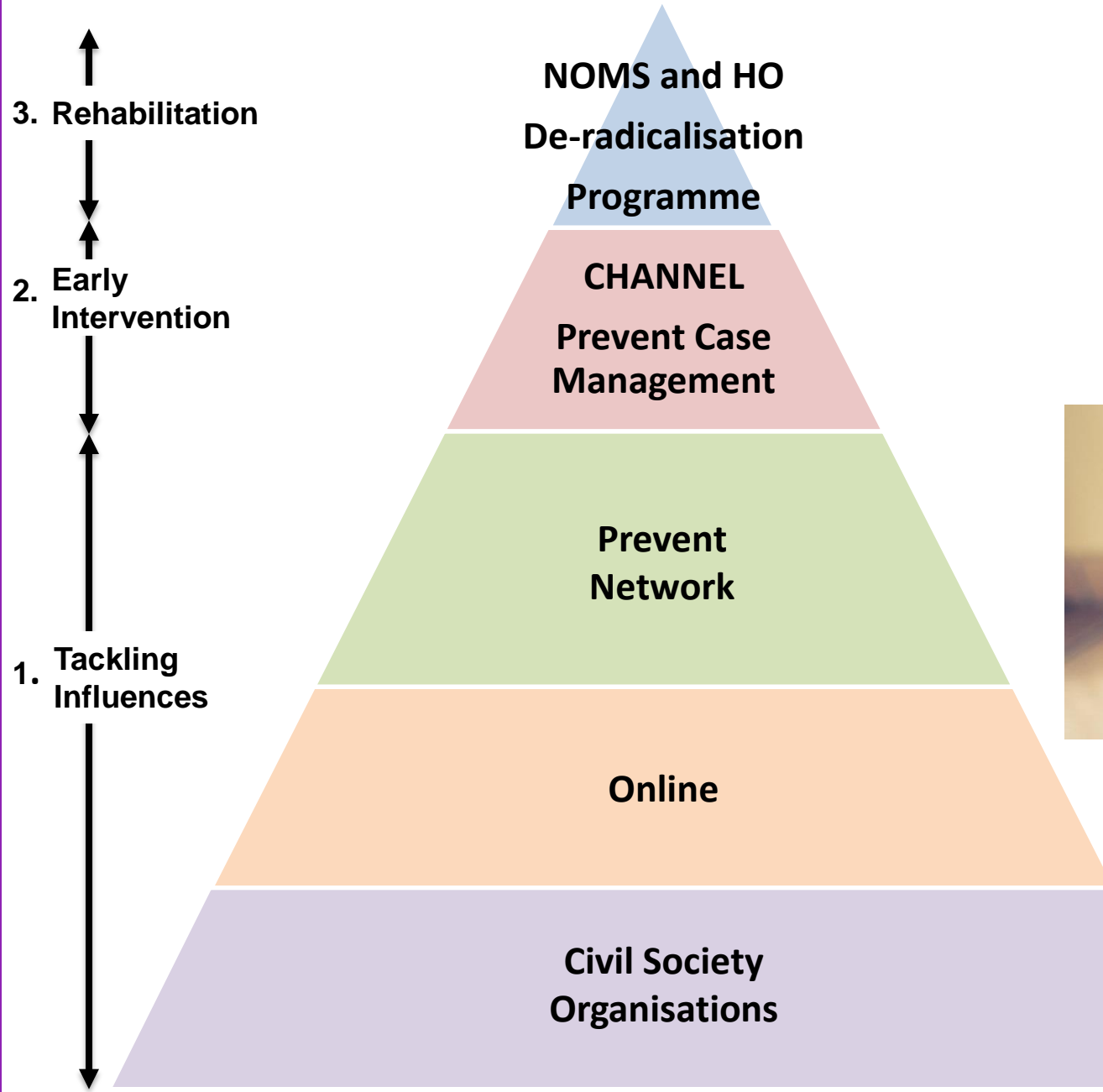
Ideological opening



Initial influences

Foreign policy: *"I am not saying these issues [recent wars] aren't important. We could deal with all these issues and some people would still be drawn to Islamist extremism"*

Prevent - A triangle of activity



EveningStandard.

News > London

London schoolboy, 9, stood up in class and declared allegiance to IS after watching beheading videos online

CHLOE CHAPLAIN | Tuesday 14 February 2017 14:34



Prevent Duty

Patchy and inconsistent delivery across the country

>Risk assessment >Leadership >Training >Partnership

Example: Schools sector – WRAP training, Educate Against Hate website, Toolkits for schools, Workshops on critical thinking

Some controversy around HE/speaker policies. High Court found no interference between duty and FoS



Are we having an impact?

- **169 community based projects** delivered in 2016/17. With 44% delivered in schools, aimed at increasing young people's resilience to terrorist and extremist ideologies.
- Robust action **tackling radicalisation online**. Following referrals from the Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU), social media providers have **removed 280,000 pieces of illegal terrorist material** since February 2010.
- **Supporting community-based initiatives** that challenge Daesh's communications and provide credible counter narratives.
- **More than 150 attempted journeys to Syria/Iraq conflict area disrupted** in 2015. This includes action by the family courts. Courts protected approx. 50 children (from around 20 families) from being taken to the conflict area in 2015.
- Since 2012, **over 1,000 individuals have been provided with support**. The vast majority of the individuals who receive support through Channel leave with no further concerns about their vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism. In 2016-17, **around a third of those who received support through Channel were referred for concerns about far right extremism**.

Opposition to Prevent

Local cases



News > UK > Home News

Four-year-old who mispronounced 'cucumber' as 'cooker bomb' faced terror warnings, family say

The mother was baffled when nursery staff showed her the picture and said it was a 'cooker bomb'

Tal Fox | Saturday 12 March 2016



CAGE @UK_CAGE · 20 Jun
'The PREVENT strategy is causing more harm to the community' #endPREVENT



Finsbury Park: May defends Prevent from faith leaders' criticism
middleeasteye.net

Academic reports and 'open letters'



Just Yorkshire's report, citing interviews with Muslim students and academics, urges closure of anti-radicalisation programme



The government's anti-radicalisation scheme, Prevent, is instilling "fear, suspicion and censorship" on university campuses, an advocacy group has warned.



More than 140 experts attack Prevent 'risk factor' by which 4,000 people were referred for assessment last year

Alice Ross
Wednesday 28 September 2016 19:01 EDT

Confidential research used by the government as the basis for identifying radicalisation in the controversial Prevent programme relies on flawed science, a group of academics has claimed.

Local events



Six universities face inquiry over Cage campus talks



Moazzam Begg speaks at the Islamophobia Conference 2015
By Gordon Rayner, and Tom Whitehead

Six British universities are facing an inquiry after the controversial human rights group Cage used meetings on campus to encourage the "sabotage" of the government's official anti-extremism program

Moazzam Begg, the former detainee who is director students "any right-mind oppose the Prevent strategy methods of the Stasi of former East Germany."

Sustained social media campaign #endPREVENT

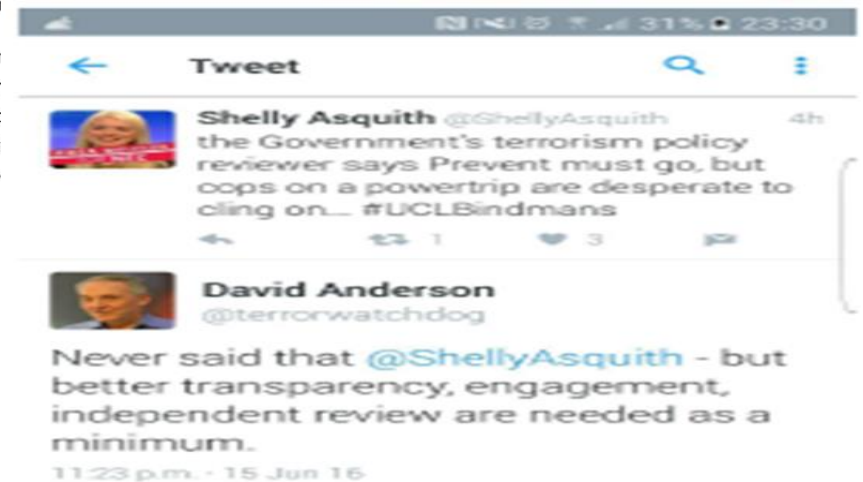
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Political campaigning



Andy Burnham calls for 'toxic' Prevent strategy to be scrapped

Shadow home secretary says policy is today's equivalent of internment in Northern Ireland



Prevent Communications Strategy

Our proactive communication strategy aims to highlight the positive impact of Prevent, dispel myths, raise understanding of what Prevent looks like in practice; and promote balanced reporting.

Through:

- Showcasing community-led projects, local voices and case studies in mainstream media
- Mobilising influential independent voices to advocate in support of Prevent
- Increased face-to-face dialogue with local communities through roundtables
- Building on the positive impact Ministers have made in promoting Prevent with more Ministerial visibility and support.
- Rebutting negative and inaccurate reporting on Prevent.
- Demonstrating increased transparency through publication of Channel data and giving media more access to elements of Prevent.



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Helping to stop radicalisation in its tracks
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AMBER RUDD
Safeguarding our young people from becoming radicalised should not be a controversial aim



Schools and colleges should provide a safe space where young people can understand the risks associated with terrorism

Is it effective?

Key Outcomes:

- Increased **five-fold** our community engagement events
- An **uplift in positive/balanced news** coverage of Prevent – from 15 positive pieces in June 2016, to 99 in July 2017
- Media training for **53** Prevent Co-ordinators
- Establishing a cohort of **20+** key influencers
- **48** Ministerial interviews in support of Prevent in the last year
- Prevent Co-ordinators have indicated that the communications has led to a positive step-change in the perception of Prevent
- Local staff and civil society partners now feel empowered to speak up in support of Prevent, helped in part by public support by Ministers



My son hated blood. Isis ruined him
After he was radicalised and fled from his home in Britain, Nicola Benyahia's child was killed in Syria. Now she wants to help other mothers
Hilary Rose
June 26 2017, 12:01am, The Times



Channel 4 News



Ben Wallace: 'I have far right in my sights'

Security Minister Ben Wallace says the Government is giving the extreme right enough attention through the Prevent programme.



who set up Families for Life, an organisation that offers a
ho fear a loved one is being radicalised
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The Telegraph

Schools are a crucial weapon in the fight against extremism

By Lord Nash

11 JULY 2017 • 10:52 AM

The roles of schools and colleges in this fight cannot be underestimated. These institutions and the teachers and lecturers that work in them play a vital part in protecting young people from the risks of extremism and radicalisation. That's why the government's counter terrorism strategy, Prevent, is more important than ever.

What support can Home Office Press Office provide?

- Language around Prevent
- Best practice examples
- Media training
- Support with reactive media enquiries



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Engagement in action



Members of Waltham Forest's Somali community learned more about the work the Council does to support people at risk

of radicalisation after inviting the borough's Prevent team to a special event.

In the region of 60 people were in

attendance at Waltham Forest Town Hall (Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, E17 4JF) last month for the event. As well as hearing about

Local people hear about work of the Prevent team

Community event took place last month

the different safeguarding work carried out by community safety officers, those in attendance had the opportunity to ask questions and put forward their own views.

A presentation was delivered by Council officers about the safeguarding aims of the national Prevent programme, which aims to also people from supporting terrorism or becoming terrorists. It was followed by a discussion about how the community can get more involved.

During the event, some audience members shared their opinions about radicalisation risks and the impact it can have. There was also

an opportunity for questions to be asked of the Council's Prevent team to talk about local projects, provide reassurance that the programme is voluntary and pre-crime, address misunderstandings about Prevent, and to explain how to access further advice and support through the local Channel Panel.

Follow-up meetings have been arranged to ensure engagement is ongoing.

More info

For more information about the Council's Prevent work, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/connet/prevent.

- Access to media opportunities
- Support and guidance for interviews
- Capacity to facilitate proactive media enquiries

Examples

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the home of conservatism

700 new Yorkshire jobs created in a year
Don't stack the odds against the Northern Powerhouse – back our plan.

ToryDiary Columnists Comment MPs ETC Local Government James Frayne Majority LeftWatch UKIPWatch

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Nick Paget-Brown: The Prevent programme is about protecting the vulnerable

By Nick Paget-Brown

Cllr Nick Paget-Brown is the Leader of Kensington and Chelsea Council.

In the last few years, some 850 British residents are thought to have gone out to Syria and Iraq to join ISIS and other jihadist organisations. Many of those were young people, and several were from Kensington and Chelsea.

Of that 850, we know that about 75 have so far been convicted by the authorities and about 70 are believed to have been killed. Although it remains to be verified, one of those killed is probably Khadiza Sultana, one of the three Bethnal Green teenagers who went to Syria – she was 17 years old.

And of course for years now we have seen young British people getting involved in terror plots, domestic and foreign.

There is nothing new, sadly, about people from ordinary backgrounds and loving homes committing to belief systems that espouse hatred and sanctify violence. In fact, people have been prey to sudden-onset fanaticism at many different times and in many different cultures.

Sophisticated, ruthless people understand this; through experiment, trial and error, they have refined their techniques for recruiting the vulnerable. Some of the material these people produce and make available through social media can be frighteningly compelling and have clearly been effective in the West

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Following

If you strip away ideology, the person behind far-right and Islamist extremism is often very similar – Prevent coordinator @WillBaldet

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I've always maintained if you take away the ideology

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William Baldet, Prevent coordinator
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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Luton Prevent

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Working together to safeguard vulnerable people from radicalisation

Luton organisations and communities stand together with the overwhelming majority of people who reject the terrorist narrative and will actively challenge the small minority who seek to undermine our shared values and legitimise violence in this country or anywhere else in the world.

Together we are committed to doing what we can to ensure communities can play their part in helping to prevent terrorism and all forms of extremism.

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Three of the Bethnal Green schoolgirls caught on camera at Gatwick on way to Syria, February 2015. Picture: MET POLICE

the Home Secretary added. "It's now more about stopping the friends of those girls taking the same path."

She heard from Parent Zone social enterprise about getting parents "savvy" about the internet to challenge unreliable information their children might be receiving.

Parent Zone's Sophie Lillingston

explained: "Children know internet technology, but don't have the life skills of their parents to understand why people are trying to influence them. Parents must take their off-top skills into the online world."

The organisation runs school assemblies, parent sessions and online teachers.

City life

MY LONDON STORY

After being caught in the 7/7 bombings, Safia Magher set up a programme to help Muslim mothers protect their children from online radicalisation

'I quit my City job to fight extremism'

IF I'D MANAGED to get a seat in my usual Piccadilly line carriage on July 7 2005, I wouldn't be alive today. I would have been one of the dozens of people who lost their lives when Germaine Lindsay detonated his bomb. The explosion that followed was utter chaos: thick black smoke filled the carriage, the lights went out, people were injured and screaming. We were trying frantically to break the windows and escape. I thought I was going to die.

I didn't know at the time I was involved in a terrorist attack. I thought it was a bombing – and occurred out in the name of my religion. It was incomprehensible to me. This was not Islam.

After the shock subsided, I couldn't stop thinking about the unanswered questions. Who manipulated these men? What could have been done to prevent it? What about their families – their mothers who would not have wanted to see their children take their own lives and the lives of others, especially in the name of their religion?

Something had to be done. I quit my City job in investment banking and began working for the JAN Trust, a charity that works with women from marginalised communities, tackling issues such as violence against women and radicalisation.

The internet plays a large part in radicalising people, and I found that large numbers of Muslim mothers in London and the rest of the UK lacked basic IT skills. A lot of them didn't speak English and often only watched TV from their home countries. They knew nothing about online radicalisation, but they wanted to find out.

It seemed to me that these women were the key to preventing radicalisation. So I set up the Web Guardians programme a course run by the JAN Trust that helps mothers use the internet and keep their children safe online. That's how I became involved in Prevent, part of the government's counter-terrorism strategy. Prevent aims to increase young people's resilience to terrorist and extremist ideologies, by working with existing communities – youth groups, religious groups and charities like the JAN Trust.

It reached more than 42,000 people in 2015-16. I've heard from thousands of mothers who have lost their children to extremism. One told me that her son asked her for his passport for a job interview. She found out weeks later that he was in Syria with Daesh. Now he is dead.

But Web Guardians has helped thousands of families avoid that fate. One mother we worked with last year discovered her 15-year-old son had been watching extremist videos online. She was terribly concerned, but the knowledge and skills she'd gained gave her the confidence to engage with him and ultimately protect him.

Watching the tragic events unfold in Westminster last month took me right back to 7/7. The terror, anxiety and stress all came rushing back, but it also reminded me why I do what I do. My experience on that terrible day still motivates me 12 years on to protect vulnerable people from radicalisation, as no one has to go through that again.

→ Find out more about Safia's world on www.jantrust.org

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Last night @BBCTheOneShow ran a report on #Prevent, which tackles all forms of radicalisation: [bbc1/26PQw6S](https://twitter.com/bbc1/26PQw6S)

Prevent tackles all forms of terrorism, whether Islamist or far-right

A third of people supported on the voluntary mentoring programme Channel last year were because of far-right concerns