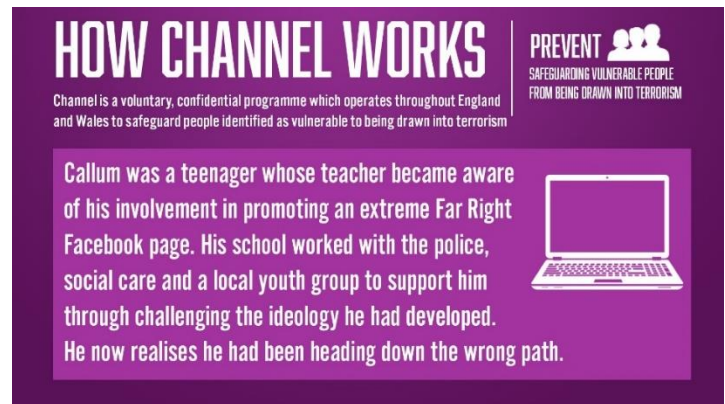


PREVENT update for Scrutiny November 2022

Prevent & CHANNEL

- Prevent is a safeguarding approach designed to safeguard those vulnerable in our communities from exploitation by extremists for their own ideological purposes which can result in involvement in crime.
- PREVENT and the safeguarding component CHANNEL is voluntary and only works with consent of the vulnerable person at risk and takes a person centred approach in helping the individual address vulnerabilities and increase their resilience against the hateful extremist influence.



Local Authority Response

- Middlesbrough Operational PREVENT Group
- Action plans designed to reduce the risk by increasing communities' resilience and awareness
- Training and awareness raising
- Promotion of the safeguarding nature of PREVENT



Middlesbrough Operation Group

- Middlesbrough Operational group is a multi agency group combining local authority departments working with vulnerable services including YOS, children's social care, adult social care and external organizations including educators such as Middlesbrough college working together to deliver a partnership approach of PREVENT
- The group develop and lead on action plans each year designed to promote risk awareness to professionals and others who support/care for those vulnerable in our communities whilst promoting the safeguarding nature of PREVENT.
- In addition to Scrutiny the work and actions of PREVENT are also overseen by:
 - CQC
 - Ofsted
 - Office of the Policing Crime Commissioner
 - Community Safety Partnership

Recent Sample Actions

- Safer giving campaign
- Working with a Local College around community cohesion conversations and work using the Lets Discuss campaign material
- Promotion of the Act early campaign in different languages
- Support third sector providing referral pathways, home office eLearning and team briefings on prevent and promotional material for Act early and IREPORTit
- Providing resources to professionals working with high risk groups around online risk and media literacy
- Adapting communication plans for responses post a terrorist incident to promote the safeguarding ethos of PREVENT and other resilience skills
- Prevent roadshows promoting digital resilience and awareness of PREVENT
- Supporting School designated safeguarding leads in respect to PREVENT and other safeguarding concerns through awareness raising
- Assisting youth commissioned services with suitable youth based products designed to promote online reputation, gaming and privacy
- Xmas digital resilience campaigns.
- Numerous PREVENT awareness sessions for professionals
- Held Prevent roundtable events by sector including faith and health.
- Joint social media campaign to promote prevent and online resilience with Newcastle Council
- Continued support to national campaign Real Stories

Example Project-Friends and Family

A recent project was to support the national campaign promoting the Netmums/Counter Terrorism Policing focus on raising parents/carers awareness of the online risk and having engaging conversations with young people to keep them safe.

Numerous Actions were completed included:

- Internal briefings and internal communications messages across the LA and to professionals working with vulnerable client groups
- Promotion products provided to hubs and libraries to promote physically and through social media audiences
- Promotion through the PREVENT twitter account
- Organised GP practice promotion to incorporate Netmums/Act early campaign
- Promoted generic social media product through partners social media accounts
- Arranged for poster campaigns to be disseminated to external and internal partners
- Shared resources to FE and Third Sector for further promotion



Contribution to a Cleveland Approach

Middlesbrough chaired the first year (2020-21) of the Cleveland PREVENT leads project and led on the following initiatives to help promote the safeguarding ethos of prevent and has continued to contribute as a member in 2021-2022

- Promotion product for Act Early for all FE Colleges
- Joint social media product for promotion of the safeguarding ethos of PREVENT using national and local products for all 4 LA's
- Ensuring all 4 LA's hosted gateways on their websites for reporting to CTIRU (In progress)
- Various products for LA staff to raise awareness of PREVENT including team briefings and signposting products for specific departments to online resilience products
- Led on a roadshow on online resilience focusing on online gaming commencing in Middlesbrough and moving throughout the 4 authorities
- Provided Notice check and share training to safeguarding leads across the 4 authorities



Training & Support

The PREVENT lead provides training and support to internal departments on their statutory duty, commissioned services and the third sector on a variety of aspects including:

- Communication of new and emerging concerns and vulnerabilities
- Delivery of face to face training and guidance
- Advice on appropriateness of referrals
- Support on embedding processes for PREVENT/CHANNEL
- Provision and support of delivery of Home office e learning products relating to both PREVENT and CHANNEL
- Direct support to children/Adult Safe guarding/Children missing in education/VENT and other services working with high risk categories

Training and Support

The PREVENT lead supports all schools in Middlesbrough providing:

- WRAP 3 training (minimum 1 DSL per school)
- Provision of all suitable and relevant products for PREVENT and associated PREVENT products such as Digital resilience products for young persons
- Provision of Written guidance for schools related to safeguarding concerns regarding PREVENT
- Provision of face to face and virtual PREVENT training and written guidance for school governors
- Advice and guidance to schools in partnership with MBC safeguarding lead & DFES Regional PREVENT lead to schools on PREVENT related issues

Awareness raising

- A large proportion is raising professionals awareness of the agenda not only within the authority but externally with third sector and partners as many do not understand the safeguarding nature of PREVENT.
- Interventions include awareness sessions with schools, community groups, commissioned services, third sector training, social media campaigns on debunking myths and misinformation around the agenda and promotion of its safeguarding ethos.
- Working with schools we have been also able to work with parents around themes which relate to PREVENT to increase resilience which include online risk, isolation and feelings of disempowerment which are aspects hateful extremists would seek to target to exploit in those most vulnerable.

CHANNEL

- CHANNEL across Cleveland is bespoke as our regional figures are low in comparison to other areas.
- The CHANNEL panel is a safeguarding meeting of multi disciplinary professionals whom all work towards assisting the vulnerable young person or adult build their resilience against the extremist narrative whilst addressing any vulnerabilities they may have
- CHANNEL operates on a consensual basis and consent must be sought from the individual
- The type of support available through CHANNEL is wide-ranging, and can include help with education or careers advice, dealing with mental or emotional health issues, or digital safety training for parents; it all depends on the individual's needs.