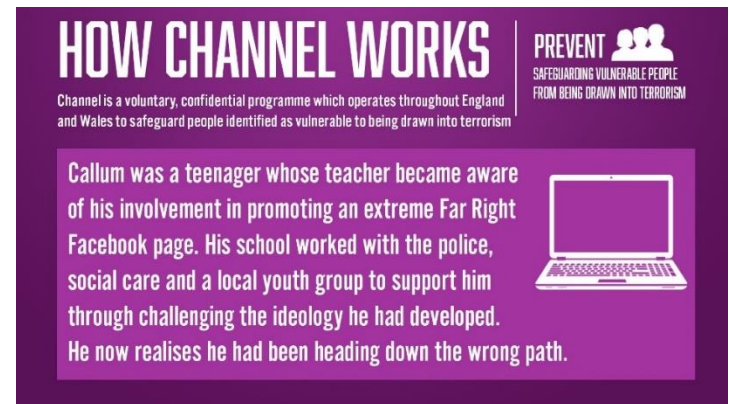


PREVENT update for Scrutiny January 2021

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 accompaniment CHANNEL is entirely 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 to extremist influence.



Local Authority Response

- Middlesbrough Operational PREVENT Group
- Action plans designed to reduce the risk by increasing 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 such as children's social care, external organizations including educators such as Middlesbrough college in a partnership approach to PREVENT.
- The group develop and lead on action plans each year designed to promote risk awareness to professionals and others whom 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

2019/2020-Example actions

- Development and promotion of the travel to conflict zones plan with awareness, promotion ,safeguarding social media promotion and development of a web page for advice regarding travel to conflict zones safeguarding
- Working with Probation services around resilience of service users pre and post release to ensure identification and support for any clients at risk
- Supporting Registered social landlords, third sector services working with most vulnerable to recognise the risk and understand the referral pathway
- Safer giving promotion project in respect to charities and giving appropriately
- Regular promotion of the Act Now campaign to increase resilience through social media and directly to significant partners
- Joint social media campaigns with both CRC Probation & NHS looking at vulnerably of specific client groups to increase engagement
- Bespoke educational packages developed for use by schools, colleges and youth sector around fake news and being able to identify it
- Online resilience and online safety roadshows in retail and hospital open spaces with members of the public
- Development of a PREVENT Online resilience advice page on the councils Prevent website
- Development of an accompanying PROTECT page for businesses and organizations to promote PROTECT and ACT now resources

Example project

A recent project was specific focus of the adult LD community and building resilience to the extremist narrative online whilst raising awareness and promoting the safeguarding ethos of PREVENT

Numerous Actions were completed including:

- Mate Crime and PREVENT awareness leaflets designed for parents/carers and clients
- Specific PREVENT leaflet for Adult LD service users
- Awareness sessions with MBC and commissioned service staff supporting clients in the community including the Workshop to raise awareness of PREVENT and the Extremism online risk
- Safe Spaces engagement products produced and provided to relevant services along with the Mencap produced digital resilience product to assist with increasing service users resilience to online threats
- Prevent/Online Risk awareness roadshows

MATE CRIME



'Mate crime' is when someone pretends to be your friend because they want something from you.

They do things like:



- Bully you or ask you to do things for them.
- Use stuff that belongs to you without asking you.
- Borrow something from you but never give it back.
- Take your money - usually without you knowing.



TERRORISM



'Terrorism' is used to change the way people think about politics and beliefs.

They do things like:



- Pretend to be your friend, making you feel safe and wanted.
- Make you do things that you wouldn't have done before you met them.
- Get you to be unkind and hurt other people.

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 including emerging concerns
- 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 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 extremists seek to target to exploit those most vulnerable.

CHANNEL

- CHANNEL across Cleveland is bespoke as our regional figures are low in comparison to other areas.
- The CHANNEL panel is made up of multi disciplinary professionals whom all work towards assisting the vulnerable young person or adult build their resilience to the extremist narrative whilst moving them away from the risk
- CHANNEL operates on a consensual basis and can only operate on that basis, the individual has to consent to be willing to consider or facilitate the positive change in themselves, similar to that of an individual whom may seek help in a counselling relationship-they enter into a consensual relationship with a therapist to seek positive change for themselves.