

Place Scrutiny Panel 26/01/26

Community Safety Partnership (CSP) annual update

CSP Overview / Responsibilities

The Community Safety Partnership (CSP) is a statutory partnership made up of key 'Responsible Authorities' who have equal responsibility for reducing crime and antisocial behaviour under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (As amended by the Antisocial Behaviour Act 2014 and the Policing and Crime Act 2017)

The Responsible Authorities include Police, Local Authority, Fire and Rescue Authority, Health, Probation and the Youth Justice Service. They work in collaboration with other statutory / voluntary services and local people to reduce crime and make people feel safer by dealing with issues such as antisocial behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse, re-offending and serious violence.

Community Safety Partnership

Middlesbrough Community Safety Partnership continues to meet every 3 months and partners discuss key strategic issues relating to community safety.

The CSP Plan is set every 2 years and it is due for review this year. This will be completed with new priorities by end of December 2026.

This process will be informed by a strategic intelligence assessment that will review data from a range of sources looking at patterns and trends of crime and ASB and will include details relating to geographic locations and hotspots.

Current Community Safety Plan and the Priorities 2024-26



Priority 1 - Feel Safe

Reducing crime and antisocial behaviour (Inc. environmental crime)

Improving community cohesion and resilience

Delivering the prevent agenda

Priority 2 – Be Safe

Improve mental health

Reduce exploitation

Reduce substance misuse

Reduce domestic violence

Tackling serious violence

Priority 3 – Stay Safe

Working with communities (doing 'with' not 'to')

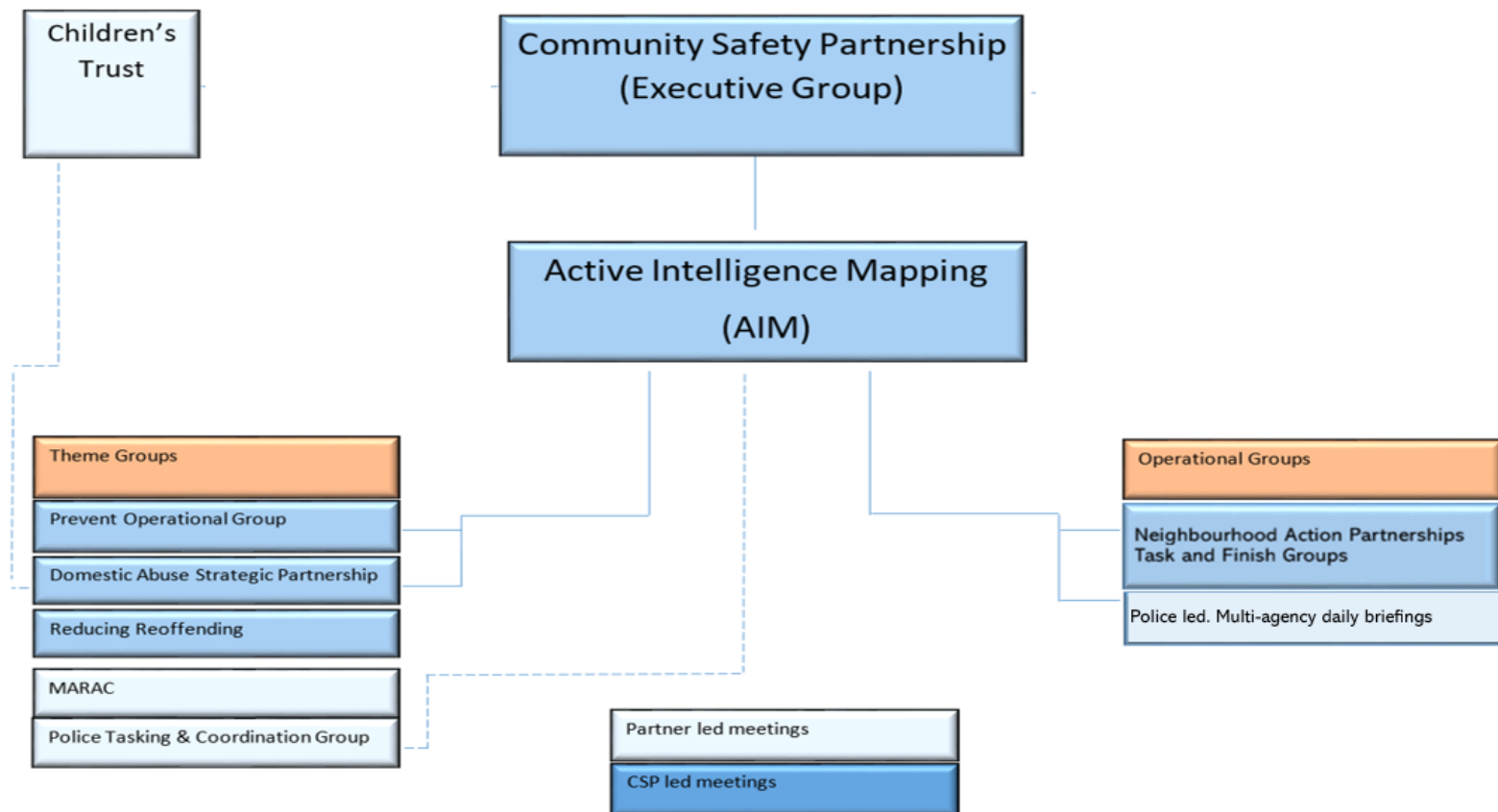
Improving environmental cleanliness

Addressing underlying community issues



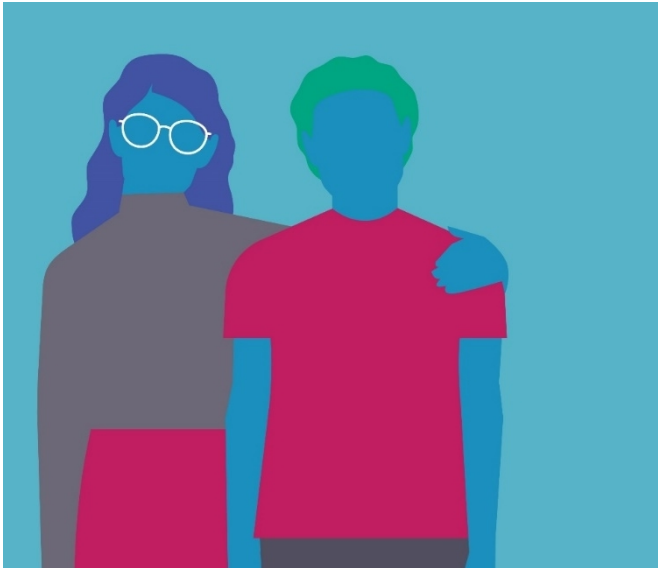
Delivery Plan

- A detailed delivery plan sets out what each of the partner agencies will do to achieve the objectives identified under each of those the 3 priorities.
- The CSP has a number of subgroups that support the delivery of its statutory functions



Prevent Update

Prevent & CHANNEL



Prevent is a part of the UK's counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. Prevent helps to protect society from terrorism by supporting people who are at risk of radicalisation and offering them appropriate interventions.

Radicalisation means someone is being encouraged to develop extreme views or beliefs in support of terrorist groups and activities. There are many different types of radicalisation and Prevent deals with all of them.

If someone is at risk of radicalisation, they should be referred to Prevent's support programme, Channel. Channel is confidential and voluntary, and offers support including:

- mentoring
- mental health support such as counselling
- education or career development support
- online safety training for parents/carers

Local Authority Response

- Middlesbrough Operational Prevent Group –multi agency group leading on action plans which seek to reduce risk by increasing communities' resilience and awareness
- Provision of training and awareness raising through engagement approaches
- Promotion of the safeguarding nature of Prevent and reinforcing the referral pathway

A poster titled 'PREVENT RADICALISATION' with a yellow background. It features a dark blue header with the title in white. Below the header is a dark blue banner with the text 'Did you know these key facts about Prevent?'. The main body of the poster is yellow and contains the text 'Prevent isn't a punishment' in a large, bold font. To the right of this text is a quote: 'Getting support through Prevent won't go on someone's criminal record – it's about connecting them to the support they need to get their lives back on track.' Below the text are five stylized human figures in circles of different colors (red, blue, yellow, orange, and grey). At the bottom of the poster is a dark blue banner with the text 'Get help if you're worried about someone being radicalised, visit GOV.UK/PREVENT' in white.

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Middlesbrough Operation Group

- Middlesbrough Operational group is a multi agency group combining local authority departments including YJ, children's social care, adult social care and external organisations including local educational establishments 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.

The work of the operational Prevent group is overseen by:

- Ofsted
- Community Safety Partnership
- Peer observation
- Home Office Annual Prevent Audit
- Regional Contest Board
- Elected Members Scrutiny Panel

Recent Sample Actions

- Hosted a successful professional's event in Partnership with Community Security Trust in May on the Incel Subculture
- Promotion of the Act early campaign and new Home Office Prevent promotional products and updated eLearning packages internally and to external partners/stakeholders
- Support third sector providing referral pathways, home office eLearning and team briefings on prevent and promotional material for Act early and IREPORTit
- Several mini projects delivered throughout the year to build community resilience including to promote healthy relationships, increase online safety, support young people with additional needs online and promote engagement and education in democracy



Recent Sample Actions

Regular Prevent article contribution to the Protect and Prepare Newsletter to the business sector

Supporting School designated safeguarding leads in respect to Prevent and other safeguarding concerns through awareness raising

Annual Xmas digital resilience campaigns

Numerous Prevent awareness sessions for professionals to enhance awareness and reinforce referral pathway

Projects to assist with raising professionals' awareness of self initiated terrorism – signs to spot and Protect themed advice to increase resilience against such threat



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:

- 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

Training and Support

The Prevent lead supports all schools in Middlesbrough providing:

- Prevent Awareness training (minimum 1 DSL per school)
- Provision of all suitable and relevant products for Prevent and associated products such as Digital resilience products to increase young person's safety and media literacy online
- Provision of guidance for schools related to safeguarding concerns regarding Prevent provided in partnership by the DFES
- Promotion and Access to available virtual Prevent Awareness sessions and guidance for school governors and trustees provided by the DFES Regional Prevent Advisor
- Advice and guidance to schools in partnership with MBC safeguarding lead & DFES Regional Prevent lead to schools on Prevent related issues



Awareness raising

- Awareness raising of the safeguarding process of Prevent continues with professionals both within the authority and with external partners and third sector to further promote the referral pathway to safeguard someone at risk of radicalisation with recent projects including the reinforcement of the Notice Check and Share Protocol
- Interventions including providing signposting resources when requested to useful products from Act Early ,Internet matters, CEOP and Educate against hate to help build resilience
- Roadshows in the community also further increased awareness and engagement with several delivered in 2024 and 2025,this is now an ongoing action for the group.
- Working with schools we have been also able to work with parents around themes which relate to Prevent to increase resilience which include helping empower parents and carers to help their young person build resilience online and have engaging conversations with their young person about their life online



Keeping young people safe from extremism

susceptible to harmful narratives which seek to radicalise young people into terrorism. Some factors can make some children more susceptible than others.

Radicalisation can take place online, or face to face by someone they know or by contact with extremist groups. Sometimes curiosity can lead children or teenagers to seek out the groups themselves, or research information they feel supports their views.

Radicalisers will seek to undermine the authority and support of parents and carers to try and isolate the young person away from their support networks to continue the radicalisation process.

Some of the signs to watch out for:

- Are they becoming increasingly isolated from family and friends?
- Does it sound like they are talking from a script?
- Are they becoming intolerant of other people's views?
- Are they secretive about who they are meeting in person or connecting with online?
- Are they unwilling to engage with you about their views?

To learn more visit:

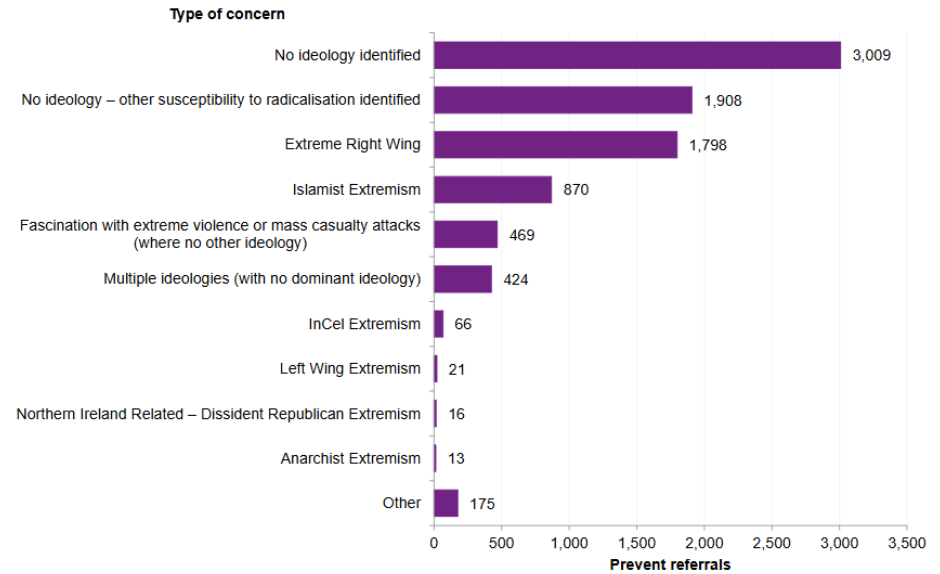


National Figures-Prevent

In the year ending 31 March 2025, there were 8,517 individuals referred to Prevent, with a total of 8,778 referrals made. This represents a 27% increase compared with the previous year (6,922) and is the highest number of referrals recorded in a single year since the data series began in April 2015.

Extreme Right-Wing' concerns accounted for 21% (1,798) of referrals, higher than those related to 'Islamist Extremism' (10%; 870); compared with the previous year, the proportion of referrals for 'Extreme Right-Wing' concerns increased (up from 19%; 1,314 of 6,921), while the proportion for 'Islamist Extremism' decreased (down from 13%; 913 of 6,921)

Figure 9: Prevent referrals by type of concern, year ending March 2025



Source: [Home Office, Individuals referred to and supported through the Prevent Programme, England and Wales, April 2024 to March 2025, Table 6](#)

CHANNEL

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- 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.

National Figures- Channel

The majority of referrals that went on to be adopted as a Channel case were for 'Extreme Right-Wing concerns' (612 out of 1464 (total specified); 42%); while 226 (15%) were for concerns related to 'Islamist Extremism'.

Referrals with ERW concerns that were discussed at a Channel panel had the highest rate of adoption (34%; 612 of 1,798), followed by 'InCel Extremism' (32%; 21 of 66), 'Left Wing Extremism' (29%; 6 of 21), 'Fascination with extreme violence or mass casualty attacks (where no other ideology)' (27%; 126 of 469) and IE (26%; 226 of 870). The lowest adoption rate was for referrals with 'Northern Ireland Related – Dissident Republican Extremism' (6%; 1 of 16).

The proportion of Prevent referrals that were adopted as a Channel case has seen a large increase in the latest year ending March 2025, up by 10 percentage points (change from 7% to 17%) compared to the previous year

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/individuals-referred-to-prevent-to-march-2025/individuals-referred-to-and-supported-through-the-prevent-programme-april-2024-to-march-2025> Sampled 26/11/25

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