

CHANNEL REFERRAL PROCESS

What is Channel?

Channel is a key element of the Prevent strategy – Home Office Publication designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Channel is a multi-agency approach to protect people at risk from radicalisation using existing collaboration between local authorities, statutory partners, the police and local community to

Identify individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism

Assess the nature and extent of that risk and

Develop the most appropriate support plan for the individual concerned

It is about early intervention diverting people away from the risk they face. In order to do this, information sharing is crucial. Section 115 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 allows partners to share personalised and depersonalised information for the purposes of reducing crime and disorder and therefore covers us in relation to the needs of Prevent.

When should I refer?

If you have information that suggests an individual is exhibiting behaviour or making comments that suggest he/she may be involved in activity which could be linked to terrorism. For example:

- Accessing information on the internet with links to terrorist activity
- Use of Extreme Right Wing symbols
- Significant changes in behaviour
- Spending significant periods of time alone, withdrawal from social interaction
- Sudden and obsessive interest in topical terrorist related news stories
- Use of terminology or words associated with terrorism

NOTICE, CHECK, SHARE

Once a concern is raised (NOTICE) it is important to check whether any further action should be taken. The Prevent Lead within City of York Council is **Tanya Lyon**, Community Safety Manager 01904 555741, or email tanya.lyon@york.gov.uk cc'd to paul.morrison@york.gov.uk with PREVENT CONCERN as the Subject Line. If you feel that there is threat to life for the individual or others, you must report the matter to the police on **999**.

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