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 **Jane Mowat,** Head of Community Safety 01904 555742, 07984496352 or email jane.mowat@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.**

CHANNEL PROCESS FLOW CHART

Information suggests concern that an individual may be at risk of being drawn into terrorist activity

Is there risk to life (either to the individual or others?

Yes

No

Inform Police on 999

Contact CYC SPOC Jane Mowat 01904 555742 or email jane.mowat@york.gov cc'd to paul.morrison@york.gov.uk with PREVENT CONCERN as the subject

Complete NATIONAL REFERRAL FORM and email to fimucentral@ctpne.police.uk

Are there other safeguarding concerns?

Yes

No

Submit Safeguarding referral to ASC/CSC

If the case is considered suitable it will be referred to the Monthly Multi-agency Channel Panel

Information on the referral circulated to partners for information gathering

Case discussed and decision taken to adopt or not

Case adopted by channel

Case not adopted by channel

Case adopted by channel & interventions agreed

Any existing multi or single agency case management continues

Agree to dismiss or refer for other agency/s for action

Case monitored by panel until it is agreed that Prevent risk is mitigated

Case exited from Channel process and subject to 6 and 12 month reviews