

# Prevent Referrals in Trafford

## 1. Background

Greater Manchester is currently part of a regional Home Office pilot called Dovetail whose aims were to assess the feasibility of transferring some of the Channel functions from Counter Terrorism Policing North West (CTPNW) to the Local Authority. As part of this pilot a new team was formed consisting of x1 Supervisor and x4 Coordinators who work across Greater Manchester. This briefing covers the current position, but the procedure will change in 2024.

## 2. What does this mean?

Prevent is aimed at early intervention and prevention in a non-criminal space and, therefore, should be embedded within safeguarding. As such, copies of referrals will also be sent to Children's Services and Adult Social Care.

## 3. Assessing the risk:

Before making a Prevent referral:

- Identify and consider the concerns and vulnerabilities associated with extremism and radicalisation and the individual
- Verify your concerns by talking to the individual and/or your safeguarding lead.
- Use your existing safeguarding policies and practices.
- Trust your professional judgement
- If unsure, speak to the council's Prevent Co-ordinator

## 4. Referrals:

The easiest way to make a referral is to use the online form. Just type "channel" in the search box on the council's website. or use the following QR code:

## 5. De-confliction and wider safeguarding concerns

It is a statutory requirement that all Prevent referrals be sent to Counter Terrorism Police North West for de-confliction as soon as possible. To avoid duplication, or the risk of information not being correctly passed on, you should use the online form. This will ensure that your referral is received by the GM Channel Team and also Counter-Terrorism Policing North-West. Children's Services and Adult Social Care will also receive a copy to pick up any wider safeguarding concerns.

## 6. What happens next:

Following your referral, and after de-confliction by CTPNW, you will be contacted by the Channel Coordinator. Channel is the name of the process that manages Prevent cases. The referral will be discussed and next steps agreed. If appropriate the referral will be considered by the Channel Panel, a multi-agency panel with access to Home Office Intervention Providers

## 7. For further information:

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