

## Working Together

Channel is a key part of the Government's Prevent Strategy which aims to stop people from being drawn into terrorist-related activity.

Many organisations are subject to the Prevent Duty which requires them to **'Have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.'**

Violent extremism is a real threat to all communities. Violent extremists actively aim to damage community relations and create division. It is vital and a legal duty that we all work together to support those who are vulnerable in this way.

### These websites provide more information

[www.buckscc.gov.uk/preventingextremism](http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/preventingextremism)

[www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/](http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/)

[http://course.ncalt.com/Channel\\_General\\_Awareness/01/index.html](http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html)

## How to Get in Touch

**Concerns about an Adult should be reported to:** Safeguarding Adults Team on **0800137 915** or [safeguardingadults@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:safeguardingadults@buckscc.gov.uk)

**Concerns about a child should be reported to:** Children's & Young People's First Response on **01296 383962** or [secure-cypfirstresponse@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:secure-cypfirstresponse@buckscc.gov.uk)

**Out of normal office hours concerns about an Adult or a Child:** Out of hours emergency duty team **0800 999 7677**

**Prevent Team at Thames Valley Police**  
[Preventreferrals@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Preventreferrals@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

**Out of office hours Thames Valley Police:**  
Call 101 and ask for the on call Special Branch Sergeant

**To report information call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline** 0800 789321

**To report information anonymously call Crimestoppers** 0800 555 111

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## An Introduction to Channel



## For Professionals



# What is CHANNEL?

Channel aims to prevent people from being drawn into violent extremism. **Channel is not about reporting or informing on individuals in order to prosecute them**, it is about keeping people and our communities safe

The Channel process works by:

- ✓ Identifying individuals at risk
- ✓ A multi-agency Panel jointly assessing the nature and the extent of that risk
- ✓ Where necessary, providing an appropriate support package.

The panel is a voluntary early intervention scheme, designed to work in the same way as other multi-agency structures to safeguard individuals. Support is always tailored to specific needs of the individual, such as diversionary activities or access to services like employment.

# Spotting the Signs

- Out of character changes, for example in dress, behaviour or language
- Showing sympathy for extremist causes and glorifying violence
- Possessing illegal or extremist literature
- Losing interest in friends and activities
- Going missing
- Spending a lot of time online talking to new people
- Not fitting in with own community
- New/unknown friends and unexplained money or gifts
- Unexplained changes in personality, mood swings
- Becoming withdrawn or unusually secretive

# Reporting Concerns

These signs may be an indicator that someone is at risk of being drawn into violent extremism. Any one sign does not mean that a person is at risk, but the presence of several suggests you should begin to ask questions and consider seeking help.

Young people in particular often show us rather than tell us that something is upsetting them. Sometimes things that seem like normal teenage behaviour could be a sign a young person is at risk.

If you have concerns about someone who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and would like to discuss this, please use the appropriate contact overleaf, or speak to the Prevent Lead in your organisation for advice.

