

# Prevent



## INFORMATION GUIDE

For people accessing the  
Prevent service



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# What does Prevent do?

Prevent supports children, young people and adults who may be susceptible to being drawn into extremism or terrorism.

People may be drawn into extremism or terrorism through:

- Becoming a target of another person or group that would like to cause harm to others in society.
- Coming into contact with online material which may shape their views and inspire them to act violently.
- Because they are isolated and lonely and looking for someone or something to turn to.

## Why have I been referred to Prevent?

There have been concerns that you may be susceptible to being drawn in to extremist ways of thinking or acting.

We would like to support you and keep you and others safe from harm. We will do this by working with you, alongside other professionals, to give you the best outcome.

## Consent

In order to access support, you, or your parent or guardian if you are under 18, must provide consent. This means that you have the choice to agree or not to agree to work with us and the service that we offer.

As part of the process, we will need to share relevant information with partner agencies to help us identify risk factors and the best support pathway for you.

You can withdraw your consent at any time but please be assured that we want to work with you to make things better.

# What support does Prevent offer?

The Kent and Medway Prevent team holds monthly meetings called 'Channel Panel'. At these meetings we discuss your case amongst key professionals from partner agencies and agree upon a support plan which is right for you.

You may be referred on to another service or you may be allocated an Intervention Provider - this person will meet with you to find out more about how you feel and whether you are taking part in unsafe behaviour. They will talk things through with you and may offer you different ways of thinking about it.

## How long will I be involved with Prevent?

There is no set time. We would like to remain involved with you until we feel you are safe from extremist influences, thinking and behaviour.

At the monthly Channel Panel meetings we will discuss whether or not you still need to receive support.

Your case will be reviewed at 6 months and 12 months after you have finished with the service to ensure that you don't need further support.

## Will consenting to receive support from Prevent affect my future?

Prevent is a pre-criminal space to safeguard people who may be susceptible to being drawn into radicalisation. This is offered before any criminality has taken place, so therefore you will not have a criminal record as a result of a Prevent referral or working with us.

Prevent is a supportive service and participation should not affect your future education or career prospects.

# Contact

If you have further questions about the Prevent process, Channel Panel or the support available, you can contact the Kent and Medway Prevent Team via the following email address:

[prevent@kent.gov.uk](mailto:prevent@kent.gov.uk)

# Complaints

The Standards and Compliance Unit (StaCU) has been set up to make sure that anyone applying the Prevent Duty follows the right processes and standards. The following link provides access to the online form that can be used if you need to complain about how the Prevent Duty has been applied.

[www.gov.uk/guidance/make-a-complaint-about-prevent](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/make-a-complaint-about-prevent)

