



Safer Seven

On: The Prevent Duty



1. What is Contest?

CONTEST (UK Counterterrorism Strategy) Aims to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from international terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

- Pursue – to stop terrorist attacks.
- Protect – to strengthen protection against terrorist attacks.
- Prepare – where an attack cannot be stopped, to mitigate its impact.
- Prevent – to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting extremism leading to terrorism.

2. The Prevent Duty

Introduced by the Counterterrorism and Security Act 2015, It requires specified authorities “in the exercise of their functions, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

Delivering the Duty includes: working in partnership; risk assessment; staff training; preventing misuse of public resources by extremists e.g. use of venues, protocols around use of IT

3. The Prevent Duty

- Local authorities, schools and childcare providers are among the specified authorities named in the duty.
- Prevent safeguards vulnerable individuals from involvement in violent extremism.
- Prevent challenges the ideologies used by extremists.
- Works across sectors (e.g., education, health, internet) where there are concerns about radicalisation.

4. Notice, Check and Share

Practitioners are encouraged to:

- **NOTICE** concerns
- **CHECK** them out
- **SHARE** them through a referral, if appropriate

5. Channel Panel

Channel is the safeguarding process for children, young people, and adults at risk of being drawn into terrorism or extremism leading to terrorism

It is important to know that Channel exists in a pre-criminal space.

Support is tailored to individual needs based on a vulnerability assessment.

6. Making a referral

Making a referral Channel works in a similar way to other safeguarding processes in Dudley.

Visit the Dudley Safe and sound Help hub to learn more: <https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/>

7. Further information:

- Prevent Duty guidance - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance/revised-prevent-duty-guidance-for-england-and-wales>
- Keeping Children Safe in Education - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>
- Dudley Safe and Sound Prevent section - <https://www.dudleysafeandsound.org/prevent>
- Home Office Prevent Duty e-Learning - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-duty-training>

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