

Hampshire and Isle of Wight PREVENT Partnership Board

Terms of Reference

1. Background

- 1.1 The national PREVENT strategy is a key part of the CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism and seeks to respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat posed by those who promote it. It aims to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and to work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation.
- 1.2 In July 2015, the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 came into force. This legislation creates a statutory duty to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This duty applies to public bodies (such as local authorities, police, some NHS bodies, schools, further and higher education providers, probation, prisons and youth offender services. The duty also applies to private providers supplying public functions for example, in the education sector.
- 1.3 The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 makes the 'Channel Panel' a legal requirement. Channel is a multi-agency safeguarding programme providing tailored support to people who have been identified as at risk of being drawn into terrorism. The support offered can come from any of the partners on the Panel which includes the local authority, police, education and health providers. The person's engagement in the programme is voluntary at all stages.

2. The Hampshire and Isle of Wight PREVENT Partnership Board

- 2.1 The PREVENT Partnership Board is a strategic forum established in response to the new statutory duties introduced by the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015. The Board is chaired by Hampshire County Council and has the following objectives:
- a) To provide a consistent and coordinated response across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat posed by those who promote it.
 - b) To provide leadership and direction across the area on PREVENT issues including the development and publication of a local strategy and implementation plan.
 - c) To ensure the PREVENT agenda is addressed as appropriate in other relevant strategic plans and strategies.

- d) To have oversight of PREVENT activity across the area ensuring this is consistent with the aims of the national strategy as well as statutory requirements and guidance.
- e) To have oversight of the implementation of the Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLTP) action plans across the relevant local authorities identifying cross cutting issues for joint work.
- f) To act as a mechanism for holding local agencies to account for their work aimed at reducing the risk of people becoming terrorists or supporting or violent extremism ensuring this is effective, coordinated and based on strong partnership working.
- g) To act as local experts for strategy and delivery and to provide a central forum to discuss developments in the PREVENT agenda, ensuring relevant networks are consulted and used to develop local policy and practice.
- h) To engage and liaise with relevant Government bodies in order to contribute to the development of the PREVENT agenda both regionally and nationally.
- i) To receive and review national strategies and reports and assessing the implications of these on local policies and practice.
- j) To organise and facilitate multi-agency PREVENT Partnership Board meetings
- k) To secure any necessary resources to implement the plan and oversee the use of the small grant available
- l) To ensure frontline staff have a good understanding of PREVENT and are trained to recognise vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism and are aware of available programmes to deal with this issue.
- m) To work in partnership with other sectors and the community providing outreach to less engaged groups.
- n) To maintain an overview of PREVENT activity across the area via receipt and evaluation of data monitoring reports.
- o) To identify any issues or challenges that have the potential undermine the effectiveness of PREVENT work locally.
- p) To formulate recommendations to address any issues identified as above, directing these to the relevant forums for decision making.
- q) To commission evaluations of PREVENT related work using findings to identify and disseminate good practice.

r) To publish an annual report outlining progress against the published plan.

2.3 Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils have established their own local PREVENT delivery board's for which they have coordinating responsibility. However, representatives from these Boards also sit on the Hampshire and Isle of Wight PREVENT Partnership Board in order to ensure promote a consistent approach across the wider Hampshire area.

3. Membership

3.1 Membership of the Board will include the PREVENT strategic leads from the following agencies in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight:

- ❖ Local authority adult services, children's services and education
- ❖ Hampshire and Thames Valley Constabularies
- ❖ Regional PREVENT Coordinator
- ❖ Community Safety Partnerships
- ❖ Clinical Commissioning Groups
- ❖ Further and higher education institutions
- ❖ National Probation Service (South Central)
- ❖ Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Rehabilitation Company
- ❖ HMP Winchester
- ❖ Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
- ❖ Ambulance Service
- ❖ Third sector
- ❖ Channel Panel Chairs

3.2 Representatives should have the required seniority, experience, skills and decision making authority to represent their organisation. A designated person (also of sufficient seniority) should also be identified to deputise for the named person when necessary. The named person (and their deputy) must be able to make decisions on behalf of their organisation and to commit their organisation on policy and practice developments.

3.3 The representative will be responsible for disseminating information arising from the PREVENT Partnership Board within their own organisation and any sector based networks of which they are members.

Please see Appendix C for details about proposed membership

4. Information Sharing

4.1 The PREVENT Partnership Board and its individual members will ensure information sharing complies with accepted data protection and confidentiality requirements and that this is consistent with agreed local protocols.

5. Meetings

5.1 Meetings will be held on a quarterly basis.

5.2 Meetings will be chaired by a senior manager within the local authority.

5.3 Minutes will be taken of meetings and will be circulated within two weeks of the meeting being held.

6. Governance and Accountability

6.1 The PREVENT Partnership Board will produce an annual report providing an overview of the progress it has made against its published implementation plan. The annual report will highlight what each member organisation has done in respect of the PREVENT action plan as well as any areas requiring focus for the following year.

6.2 The annual report will be shared with the relevant strategic forums in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight in order to ensure alignment of activities between PREVENT and the broad health and well-being agenda and to establish accountability to the wider local strategic partnership. The annual report will be shared as follows:

- Health and Wellbeing Boards
- Local Safeguarding Children's Boards
- Local Safeguarding Adults Boards
- Community Safety Partnership Alliance
- Police and Crime Reduction Alliance
- Hampshire Civilian/Military Partnership
- Contest Board (Hampshire Constabulary)

Regular feedback will also be provided to community and voluntary sector organisations.

Appendix C

Member Organisations within Hampshire, IOW, Portsmouth and Southampton

- a) Local authority Adult Services, Children's Services and Education
- b) Hampshire and Thames Valley Constabularies
- c) Regional Police PREVENT Coordinator
- d) CHANNEL Panel Chairs
- e) Community Safety Partnerships
- f) District/borough councils (via network)*
- g) Clinical Commissioning Groups
- h) South Central Ambulance Service
- i) Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service
- j) District and Borough Councils (via network)*
- k) National Probation Service (South Central)
- l) Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Rehabilitation Company
- m) Prisons, approved premises and Immigration Removal Centres (via network)*
- n) Youth Offending Service (via network)*
- o) Schools (via network)*
- p) Further Education organisations (via network)*
- q) Portsmouth, Southampton, Solent and Winchester Universities
- r) Third Sector (to be nominated by Action Hampshire)

'Via Network' refers to representation of this sector on the PREVENT Board by one organisation who commits feedback information to an existing sector based network.