Health Sector Prevent Priorities

NHS England, the Department of Health and Home Office continue to work closely on five key priorities for embedding Prevent within the health sector. As well as influencing national policy development, these priorities underpin the local work of the Health Regional Prevent Coordinators. The Prevent Team in Health, from national through to regional and local, all work to the same priorities and are able to align their actions alongside key deliverables that we wish to achieve. The following areas represent the current Prevent priorities in health:

- The relationship between **Mental Health** and radicalisation is complex and our work continues to develop. The NHS has supported the formation of the Prevent Liaison and Diversion Hubs across 3 pilot sites and will soon publish Prevent Guidance for all Mental Health Trusts, alongside a bespoke Mental Health E-Learning package. This will help support Mental Health professionals to understand their role in Prevent and to access case studies to aid their understanding and confidence.

- Supporting **Primary Care** by raising their awareness of Prevent. Although GPs, Dentists or other primary care professionals are not included within the Prevent Duty, their compliance with Prevent is part of their safeguarding responsibilities. A current study of 300 GP's in Yorkshire and Humber will help us to identify what understanding and confidence GP's have when dealing with someone at risk of radicalisation. Information sharing and seeking consent for referring someone into Prevent case management are known concerns for GPs and it is therefore useful that the General Medical Council (GMC) has launched its revised Confidentiality Guidance (http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/ethical_guidance/confidentiality.asp)

- Positive **Prevent Communications** continues to be a challenge for all sectors. In the health sector NHS England and Department of Health have come together to create a joint communication plan which allows there to be a united response in communicating Prevent within the health sector. We are seeking further front line professionals to become part of our *Supported Voices* initiative. The Director of Nursing, Hilary Garret also published a blog on the NHS's response to prevention. (https://www.england.nhs.uk/blog/terrorist-attacks-from-response-to-prevention/)

- **Information Sharing and Assurance** is a long term priority for NHS England. We have published an Information Governance document for Prevent; which includes up to date information sharing protocols and an agreed Prevent referral process which can be localised for all health organisations. Work is also taking place to understand and design the best means of establishing the impact of Prevent in the health sector, over and above referrals and training data.

- To encourage referrals, NHS England is working closely with the Home Office to understand **Channel Panel referral** numbers from the health sector. Work has commenced to better understand referral conversion rates and whether all referrals made by health organisations are being accurately recorded. We are in the process of migrating data collection to an online platform where Trusts and Foundation Trusts will electronically record their compliance data.

- Underpinning all of the above is **Learning and Development**. With the incoming Mental Health E-Learning, the possibility of a Primary Care e-learning package, Health Education England Level 1 and 2 E-Learning package and the future review of the WRAP product, the health sector is looking to find creative and bespoke ways for all health organisations to deliver on their training requirements.

If you want further information on these priorities or the work of the health sector on Prevent, please contact your Health Regional Prevent Coordinator.

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