

ONE MINUTE GUIDE to *PREVENT*

What is PREVENT?

PREVENT aims to protect those who are vulnerable to exploitation/radicalisation from those who seek to recruit people to support their cause and undertake criminal acts or acts of terrorism. Examples are: ISIL and Al Qa'ida influenced groups, Far Right extremists, Environmental extremists and Animal Rights extremists.

PREVENT is part of the UK Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy, preventing vulnerable people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism.

Responding to PREVENT?

We as Healthcare staff are well placed to recognise individuals, whether patients or staff, both adults and children, who may be vulnerable and therefore more susceptible to exploitation by extremists or terrorists. It is fundamental to our 'duty of care' and falls within our **safeguarding responsibilities** and as such every member of staff has a role to play in protecting and supporting vulnerable individuals who pass through our care.

There is no expectation that we will take on a surveillance or enforcement role as a result of *PREVENT*. Rather, we must work with partner organisations to contribute to the prevention of terrorism by safeguarding and protecting vulnerable individuals and making safety a shared endeavour.

A concern that an individual may be vulnerable to exploitation does not mean that we think the person is a terrorist, it means that we are concerned that they are prone to being exploited by others, and so have a safeguarding concern.

What should you do?

Due to our roles we, as healthcare staff, are in a prime position to recognise when an individual is being exploited and to intervene before any crime has been committed.

We should recognise *PREVENT* as part of our safeguarding responsibilities. We are all responsible for safeguarding vulnerable people from any form of exploitation. One particular type of exploitation is the possible risk to a vulnerable individual from extremism.

You should:

Notice that a person could be vulnerable to being exploited and be aware of any changes in behaviour or routines that may lead you to have concerns that they are being exploited.

Check with colleagues and other services that may be involved with the person or their family (if appropriate) to discuss your concerns and to gather further information.

Share your concerns with your line manager, the Trust *PREVENT* lead or a Safeguarding lead within your organisation. They can advise you on any further action to be taken.

Key Contacts

If you or a colleague has concerns that an individual is presenting an *immediate* terrorist risk to themselves, others or property, then you should contact the **National Counter-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321**, or the **Police on 999**.

For advice about non-emergency issues;

- **Cambridgeshire and Peterborough CCG Prevent Lead**
Safeguarding Adults: capccg.safeguardingadults@nhs.net
- **Cambridgeshire Prevent Team (Police)**
Prevent@cambs.pnn.police.uk 01480 422596 or via 101

References & sources of further information

- <http://www.preventtragedies.co.uk/>
- <http://www.ltai.info/what-is-prevent/>
- NHS England – Prevent Training and Competencies Framework v3
<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/prevent-training-and-competencies-framework/>
- Prevent Duty Guidance in England and Wales – Home Office
- https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/445977/3799_Revised_Prevent_Duty_Guidance_England_Wales_V2-Interactive.pdf
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