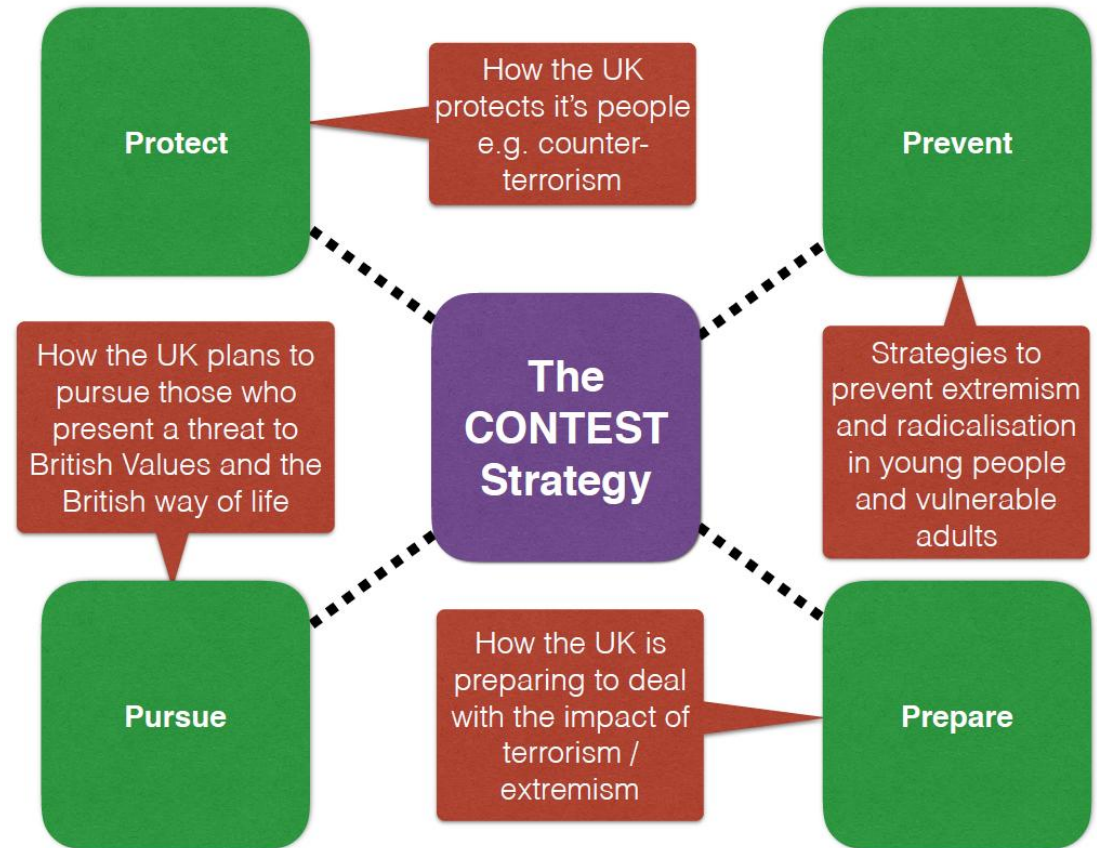


Prevent Officer update March 2017



Prevent is one part of the Government's National Counter Extremism Strategy known as "CONTEST".



- The Counter Terrorism and Security Act also places a duty on organisations “to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”
- This forms the basis for the ‘Prevent Duty’ which is applicable to schools, authorities and organisations that work with the public such as charities and voluntary organisations.
- Prevent is another form of safeguarding along the same principles as CSE/Domestic Abuse.

- Unfortunately some local organisations in Leicestershire such as voluntary and third sector organisations do not realise or understand that they may have responsibilities under the Prevent duty that came into force in 2015.
- Prevent is also where the “Channel” safeguarding programme against extremism resides.

UK Channel Referrals by Year ¹

2006/07	5
2007/08	75
2008/09	179
2009/10	467
2010/11	599
2011/12	580
2012/13	748
2013/14	1281
2015	3995
2016 ²	2311

It is important to note that only about 1 in every 5 referrals actually gets Channel Support

¹ Data has varied over time and across forces, so may not be consistent

² Data to June 2016



Leicester is a “National Priority Area” with the following 4 hotspot areas in the county

- Charnwood
- Hinckley & Bosworth
- North West Leicestershire
- Oadby & Wigson

- Extreme Far Right – traditionally centered around Coalville, Hinckley & Bosworth, Loughborough.
- Some issues around Sikh extremism in Oadby & Wigston and some low level interfaith tensions remain
- Normalisation of Far right – Britain First support base growing, causing the EDL to lose traction.

- Un-supervised child use of internet a concern – Parents need to know risks, often don't attend attempts to inform or support them in safer internet for children events put on by schools.
- We have recently had a case where “Call of Duty” was used to recruit a Leicestershire child into extremism.
- Beheadings is rife on social media – Children in some county schools showing early signs of PTSD.

- In 2014 YouTube owned by Google removed 14 Million videos of terror or extremism related materials.
- Twitter has removed 360,000 accounts since Mid 2015.
- The police are removing more than 1,000 pieces of terrorist-related content from the internet every week.

- Since 2000, 40% lone actor terrorists in Europe have been motivated by extreme far right, compared to 46% that were religiously-inspired.



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