



Helping Youth & Community from Start to Finish

## **PREVENT Statement**

**This statement works in line with the Safeguarding, Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and the Security Threats Policy**

### **Prevent Duty - Safeguarding students who are vulnerable to extremism.**

OnTrak's PREVENT strategy follows the statutory guidance on the charity's responsibility to fulfil our Prevent Duty including relevant staff training. We are aware that there have been occasions, both locally and nationally, in which extremist groups have attempted to radicalise vulnerable children to hold extreme views including those justifying political, religious, sexist, or racist violence, or to steer them into a rigid and narrow ideology that is intolerant of diversity and leaves them vulnerable to future radicalisation.

The Prevent strategy aims to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

It is rare for children to become involved in terrorist activity. However, some students from an early age can be exposed to terrorist and extremist influences or prejudiced views. Consequently, the charity takes the view that early intervention is always preferable and includes this in its procedures as it does for all safeguarding concerns.

In line with both the fundamental British Values and the Charity Values, the following key principles underpin the community in which the charity is based:

Inclusion.

Tolerance.

Freedom of speech.

The expression of beliefs and ideology.

Students, staff, volunteers and visitors have the right to speak freely and voice their opinions. However, freedom comes with responsibility. Free speech that is designed to manipulate the vulnerable or that leads to violence and harm of others goes against the moral principles in which freedom of speech is valued.

Free speech is subject to treating others with respect, understanding differences, equality, an awareness of human rights, community safety, and community cohesion. The Prevent statutory guidance requires OnTrak to have clear protocols for ensuring that any visiting speakers are appropriately supervised and suitable.

The charity is committed to working with the local authority and other local partners, families, and communities to play a key role in ensuring young people and our communities are safe from the threat of terrorism. The DSL will keep up to date with all local policies and procedures relating to Prevent.

Staff must consider the level of risk to identify the most appropriate referral, which could include reference to Channel or Children's Social Care.

### **Visiting speakers**

Visiting speakers will be expected to understand that, where appropriate, their session should actively promote the British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and at no point undermine these. In some cases, the charity may request a copy of the visiting speaker's presentation and/or footage in advance of the session being provided.

Visiting speakers, whilst on the charity site, will be supervised by an OnTrak employee. On attending the charity, visiting speakers will be required to show an original current identification document. The charity shall also keep a formal register of visiting speakers retained in line with its Data Protection Policy.

### **Reducing risks of extremism**

The Operations Manager and the Designated Safeguarding Lead will assess the level of risk within the charity and put actions in place to reduce that risk.

Actions will include consideration of:

PSHE curriculum.

SEND policy.

Risk assessments will include:

The use of charity premises by external agencies.

Integration of students by gender and SEND.

Behaviour policy.

Other issues specific to the charity's profile and community.

There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to a terrorist/radical ideology. As with managing other safeguarding risks, all charity staff will be vigilant to changes in students' behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection.

It is commonly recognised that children at risk of radicalisation may display changes in behaviour, show different signs or seek to hide their views. Staff are advised to use their professional judgement in identifying students who might be at risk of radicalisation and always act proportionately and seek support if they are concerned.

The charity recognises that the Prevent duty does not ask staff to carry out unnecessary intrusions into family life, but as with any other safeguarding risk, they must take action when they observe behaviour of concern.

### **Potential signs of radicalisation and extremism**

There is no limit to the signs that you might notice – every student is different. However, some of the indicators staff should look out for include:

**Vulnerability:** identity crisis, personal crisis, migration, unmet aspirations, and history of criminality.

**Access to extremist influences:** friendship groups, internet activity, activities abroad i.e. military camps, and vocalised support of illegal or extremist/militant groups.

**Experiences and influences:** social rejection, personal impact from civil unrest and wide spread media coverage of international events, change in appearance and behaviour, family conflict over religious reviews, and verbal or written evidence of support for terrorist activities.

**Travel:** pattern of regular extended travel, evidence of falsifying identity documents, and unexplained absences.

**Social factors:** disadvantaged background, lack of empathy and/or affinity with others, severe learning difficulties or mental health, being a child of a foreign national or refugee, experience of trauma or sectarian conflict, and extremist views of a significant other.

It is always worth remembering that numerous factors can contribute to and influence the range of behaviours that are defined as violent extremism, but most children or young people do not become involved in extremist action. For this reason, the appropriate interventions in any particular case may not have any specific connection to the threat of radicalisation. For example, they may address mental health, relationship, or drug/alcohol issues.

## **Response**

OnTrak will appoint a Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to be the lead within the charity for safeguarding in relation to protecting individuals from radicalisation and involvement in terrorism. This will normally be the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

## SPOC Responsibilities

### **Raising Awareness**

The Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC) role is to raise awareness in relation to all aspects of Prevent and the counterterror agenda generally. They also promote the necessity to safeguard vulnerable children and adults from being exploited and recruited into violent extremism. It is expected that the SPOC will ensure that staff are aware of the role and its responsibilities.

SPOCs are also expected to provide advice and guidance to staff within their charity. The Channel coordinators have a range of training packages available to help raise awareness. The aim of training the trainers is to streamline the safeguarding agenda and give everyone the necessary knowledge.

### **Receiving Referrals**

It is expected that if a staff member within the charity identifies an individual vulnerable to radicalisation, they will contact the SPOC and/or DSL first to discuss the case internally. They should be asked to record their concerns and raise it, as they would with any other safeguarding concern, with the Local Authority. If deemed suitable, the staff member will be asked to complete the Referral and Assessment Form (RAF). This should then be emailed to the Channel coordinator at: [channel.project@gmp.police.uk](mailto:channel.project@gmp.police.uk)

The Channel Officer will then carry out an extensive risk assessment that aims to identify known risks and additional vulnerabilities. At no point will the person be recorded on a criminal records system as a result of being involved in this process. The coordinator will then complete a case summary and return it to both the SPOC and the staff member. The SPOC should then arrange a multi-agency safeguarding meeting with the necessary professionals to support the vulnerable individual. Channel can assist this process by using our list of SPOCs from other agencies to help ensure the right people are brought to the multi-agency meeting.

In addition to the above, links with the local Channel lead can be made by the DSL and where necessary, individual cases will be referred to the local Channel panel for screening and assessment.

More information on Channel Programme is available via the following link:

**<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/channel-guidance>**

### **Training**

OnTrak will ensure that the DSL and SPOC (if different) will complete a local Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) and that this training will be cascaded to staff as part of the annual CPD training programme. This will be the responsibility of the DSL/SPOC.

## APPENDIX ONE: PREVENT REFERRAL FORM

### REFERRAL PROCESS

**By sending this form you consent for it to arrive with both your dedicated Local Authority safeguarding team & Prevent policing team for a joint assessment.** Wherever possible we aim to give you feedback on your referral, please be aware, however, that this is not always possible due to data-protection & other case sensitivities.

Once you have completed this form, please email it to: [fimucentral@ctpne.police.uk](mailto:fimucentral@ctpne.police.uk)

If you have any questions whilst filling in the form, please call: **01274 474783**

### INDIVIDUAL'S BIOGRAPHICAL & CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Forename(s):</b>	First Name(s)
<b>Surname:</b>	Last Name
<b>Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY):</b>	D.O.B.
<b>Approx. Age (if DoB unknown):</b>	Please Enter
<b>Gender:</b>	Please Describe
<b>Known Address(es):</b>	Identify which address is the Individual's current residence
<b>Nationality / Citizenship:</b>	Stated nationality / citizenship documentation (if any)
<b>Immigration / Asylum Status:</b>	Immigration status? Refugee status? Asylum claimant? Please describe.
<b>Primary Language:</b>	Does the Individual speak / understand English? What is the Individual's first language?
<b>Contact Number(s):</b>	Telephone Number(s)
<b>Email Address(es):</b>	Email Address(es)
<b>Any Other Family Details:</b>	Family makeup? Who lives with the Individual? Anything relevant.

<b>DESCRIBE CONCERNS</b>	<b>In as much detail as possible, please describe the specific concern(s) relevant to Prevent.</b>
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Please Describe

#### FOR EXAMPLE:

- How / why did the Individual come to your organisation's notice in this instance?
- Does it involve a specific event? What happened? Is it a combination of factors? Describe them.
- Has the Individual discussed personal travel plans to a warzone or countries with similar concerns? Where? When? How?
- Does the Individual have contact with groups or individuals that cause you concern? Who? Why are they concerning? How frequent is this contact?
- Is there something about the Individual's mobile phone, internet or social media use that is worrying to you? What exactly? How do you have access to this information?
- Has the Individual expressed a desire to cause physical harm, or threatened anyone with violence? Who? When? Can you remember what was said / expressed exactly?
- Has the Individual shown a concerning interest in hate crimes, or extremists, or terrorism? Consider *any* extremist ideology, group or cause, as well as support for "school-shooters" or public-massacres, or murders of public figures.
- Please describe any other concerns you may have that are not mentioned here.

<b>COMPLEX NEEDS</b>	<b>Is there anything in the Individual's life that you think might be affecting their wellbeing or that might be making them vulnerable in any sense?</b>
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Please Describe

PERSON WHO FIRST IDENTIFIED THE CONCERNS	
Do they wish to remain anonymous?	Yes / No
Forename:	Referrers First Name(s)
Surname:	Referrers Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Referrers Role / Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Referrers Relationship To The Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Referrers Telephone Number
Email Address:	Referrers Email Address
PERSON MAKING THIS REFERRAL (if different from above)	
Forename:	Contact First Name(s)
Surname:	Contact Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Contact Role & Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Contact Relationship to the Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Contact Telephone Number
Email Address:	Contact Email Address

RELEVANT DATES	
Date the concern first came to light:	When were the concerns first identified?
Date referral made to Prevent:	Date this form was completed & sent off?

- FOR EXAMPLE:**
- Victim of crime, abuse or bullying.
  - Work, financial or housing problems.
  - Citizenship, asylum or immigration issues.
  - Personal problems, emotional difficulties, relationship problems, family issues, ongoing court proceedings.
  - On probation; any erratic, violent, self-destructive or risky behaviours, or alcohol / drug misuse or dependency.
  - Expressed feelings of injustice or grievance involving any racial, religious or political issue, or even conspiracy theories.
  - Educational issues, developmental or behavioural difficulties, mental ill health (see **Safeguarding Considerations** below).
  - Please describe any other need or potential vulnerability you think may be present but which is not mentioned here.

OTHER INFORMATION	Please provide any further information you think may be relevant, e.g. social media details, military service number, other agencies or professionals working with the Individual, etc..
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Please Describe

REFERRER'S ORGANISATIONAL PREVENT CONTACT (if different from above)	
Forename:	Referrers First Name(s)
Surname:	Referrers Last Name
Professional Role & Organisation:	Referrers Role / Organisation
Relationship to Individual:	Referrers Relationship To The Individual
Contact Telephone Number:	Referrers Telephone Number
Email Address:	Referrers Email Address

SAFEGUARDING CONSIDERATIONS	
Does the Individual have any stated or diagnosed disabilities, disorders or mental health issues?	Yes / No
Please describe, stating whether the concern has been diagnosed.	

<b>Have you discussed this Individual with your organisations Safeguarding / Prevent lead?</b>	Yes / No
What was the result of the discussion?	
<b>Have you informed the Individual that you are making this referral?</b>	Yes / No
What was the response?	
<b>Have you taken any direct action with the Individual since receiving this information?</b>	Yes / No
What was the action & the result?	
<b>Have you discussed your concerns around the Individual with any other agencies?</b>	Yes / No
What was the result of the discussion?	

<b>INDIVIDUAL'S EMPLOYMENT / EDUCATION DETAILS</b>	
<b>Current Occupation &amp; Employer:</b>	Current Occupation(s) & Employer(s)
<b>Previous Occupation(s) &amp; Employer(s):</b>	Previous Occupation(s) & Employer(s)
<b>Current School / College / University:</b>	Current Educational Establishment(s)
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<b>THANK YOU</b>
<p>Thank you for taking the time to make this referral. Information you provide is valuable and will always be assessed. If there is no Prevent concern but other safeguarding issues are present, this information will be sent to the relevant team or agency to provide the correct support for the individual(s) concerned.</p>

## **West Yorkshire Prevent Contacts**

### **BRADFORD DISTRICT**

**DS 2553 Claire Godfrey** – 01274 474783 or 07525243462

**DC 446 Lauren Royston** – 01274 474783 or 07793218543

**DC 2557 Dan Pitt** – 01274 474783 or 07590357036

**DC 1260 Parminder Lall** – 01274 376076 or 07921 282104

**PSO Kevin Taylor** - 01274 474783 or 07701294731

**Bradford Prevent Office** – 01274 376041/474783/376116