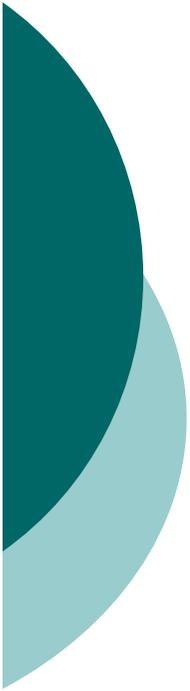




National Prevent Strategy

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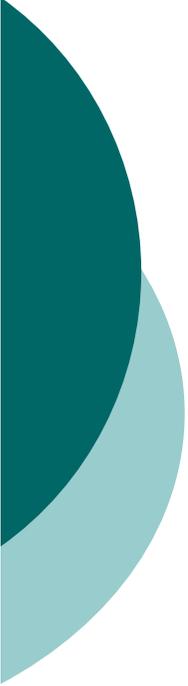




Background Information

- The national Prevent Strategy is part of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting extremism.
- In August 2014, the national threat level was raised from 'Substantial' to 'Severe' interpreted as a terrorist attack being 'highly likely'.
- This does not mean that our own geographical area (Sevenoaks District) faces the same degree of risk
- The Home Office categorises Local Authority areas across the UK on the basis of risk as either Priority (Tiers 1 and 2) or Non-Priority Areas (Tier 3) and Kent and Medway have both been deemed to fall within Tier 3





Background Continued

- Counter Terrorism and Security Act received Royal Assent on 12 February 2015, placing the Prevent Programme on a statutory footing and places a general duty on all specified authorities
- All Local Authorities will need to be fully involved in fulfilling the new responsibilities created by the Act. The three specific objectives of Prevent still stand and focus on:
 - Challenging the **ideology** that supports terrorism and those who promote it;
 - Protecting vulnerable **individuals**: to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support;
 - Supporting sectors and **institutions** where there are risks of radicalisation.



Local Statistics

- **Referrals and level of threat:** Levels of threat are very low in the District. There have only been 2 referrals made between April 2014 – March 2015 and the District has the 7th lowest number of referrals across Kent. There have been 9 engagements made in this time period, which is the lowest in Kent.
- **Emerging risks and threats:** There are no emerging risks and threats specifically for Sevenoaks District. However nationally there are emerging trends and threats and these should be noted by the District Council.





Our Duty

- In fulfilling the new duty, Local Authorities, including elected Members and senior officers (will be expected to be carrying out activity in the following 5 key areas:
- Partnership Working
- Risk Assessment and Addressing Local Priorities
- Action Plan Development
- Staff Training
- Use of Local Authority Resources





What are we doing

- We have produced a Prevent Plan, which had to be in place by 1 September and will be monitored via the CSP
- 3 officers have been trained in Op Wrap delivering training to fellow colleagues and partner organisations to identify vulnerable groups/individuals
- Promoting Prevent in National Prevention Week (7-12 Sept)
- Multi-Agency Training
- Member Training
- Part of the Chanel process (referrals of vulnerable people identified as having radical views)



PREVENT



EXTREMISM

Part of the Home Office's Counter Terrorism strategy, Prevent aims to stop people from becoming or supporting terrorists.

10 - 12pm | Council Chamber

Wednesday 7 October

Friday 9 October

Tuesday 20 October

Thursday 22 October

To book your place please email
community.safety@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Our Community Safety Team will be delivering these training sessions on how to look out for signs of vulnerability to extremism and how to report it.





What we are Doing continued

- Prevent will sit in the Safeguarding Policy
- E-learning package from the Home Office will be statutory for all staff and will be part of the statutory training for new employees
- http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness/01/index.html
- is the link to training
- Community Safety Managers are on the Kent Prevention Board
- Receive Police Partners Element report on a monthly basis



Local Reporting & Information

- Kent Police have a page on Prevent and Counter Terrorism and we have promoted this through Social Media.
- www.kent.police.uk/advice
- To Report suspicious activity. Call the UK's anti-terrorist hotline in confidence on 0800 789321





Thank you

