Preventing people from supporting terrorism or becoming a terrorist – The Prevent referral process

HERTFORDSHIRE

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PREVENT BOARD

1. **NOTICE**: This is the stage where you believe you have come across a potential Prevent concern (extremist language, support for a terrorist attack, symbology or logos relating to an extremist or terrorist group).

2. **CHECK**: This is the stage where you should conduct your own assessment. Speak to other staff or relevant individuals to gather more information, if appropriate speak to the individual of concern to better understand the situation. Collate as much relevant information as possible in preparation for a referral. You can contact the HCC Prevent Programme Manager for advice.

7. **Police Led Space**: The Prevent Police Team may consider a case too high risk for Channel. This is often in relation to high levels of criminality or being linked to a Counter-Terrorism investigation. This risk will be managed in a Police Led Space which will work with a select group of partners to monitor the Prevent risk and consider appropriate support for the individual.

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3. **SHARE**: If you believe the situation warrants a referral to Prevent, complete the referral form and share with our Hertfordshire Prevent Police Team. This can be found on the Prevent HSPC page.

6. **Channel**: The Prevent Police team may assess the risk high enough to bring to the Channel Panel, the multi-agency panel to support those with a Prevent risk. At Channel, all contextual safeguarding is considered, for example an individual may have issues relating to employment, housing and substance misuse, all of which would be supported by Channel alongside offering a counter-narrative to divert the individual away from radicalisation. This process requires consent which will be sought by an appropriate Channel Panel member.

4. **Prevent Police Risk Assessment**: Once the referral is received by the Prevent Police team, they will conduct their own expert risk assessment. They will consider an individual's **susceptibility**, **capability** and **intent** in relation to extremism and terrorism threat.

5. Close and Signpost: The Prevent Police team may decide to close the case and signpost. This may happen when the Prevent risk threshold has not been met in terms of ideologies or behaviours of terrorism/extremism concern. However a different susceptibility, capability or intent may have been highlighted and therefore will be transferred to a more appropriate agency.

