**What is the process for progressing a Prevent referral?**

**What is Prevent:**

**Prevent** is one of the four elements of CONTEST, the government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism and provides practical help to **prevent** individuals from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support.

For further information and government guidance please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-if-youre-worried-about-someone-being-radicalised>

**Prevent Referral Process:**

All referrals of concern in respect of PREVENT should in the first instance, be directed to and recorded at Warrington Social Care Services, highlighting any potential concerns:

If the concerns were regarding a Child, the referral would be sent to: childreferral@warrington.gov.uk

If the concerns were regarding an Adult, the referral would be sent to: AdultSafeguardingManagers@warrington.gov.uk

* Upon receipt of a PREVENT referral at either Warrington Childrens or Adult’s first point of contact services, any immediate Safeguarding issues should be highlighted to and dealt with by the appropriate professional, following the usual Warrington Social Care Services process.
* There is ***no need to conduct any checks*** with the MASH or partners with regards to the Terrorism or Domestic Extremism risk at this stage.
* The Prevent referral form received will then be forwarded to Prevent Police via email to prevent@merseyside.police.uk by Warrington Local Authority first point of contact Childrens or Adults Services.

**What happens next?**

The referral will be assessed by North West Counter Terrorism Police officers and it may subsequently, be adopted as a multi-agency led case or it may be signposted out to other services or agencies if it does not meet threshold criteria.

If adopted as a multi-agency case, CHANNEL co-ordinators from the Channel Team, will begin information gathering.

The case will then be discussed at a Channel Panel, a multi-agency meeting which will discuss and review the referral, plan any appropriate bespoke support packages. This Panel will meet on a monthly basis to review the progress of the case, until such time as the individual is deemed to be no longer vulnerable to radicalisation.

**Further Information**

Should you or your teams require any verbal advice on completing the forms or general information regarding Prevent referrals – please contact:

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