

# Workshop to raise awareness of Prevent - WRAP

Extremism, and the support for Terrorist causes are increasingly issues that are facing safeguarding and teaching professionals in their everyday work. The events across the globe, and the way that they are interpreted are exacerbating vulnerabilities in individuals that can be exploited by radicalisers and in some cases lead to the deaths of young people and risks to their family and siblings.

The Prevent strategy forms an important part of the UK Governments Counter Terrorism Strategy and works in the 'pre criminal' space. Put simply, it is there to guide the support we give to individuals who are vulnerable to radicalisation.

Specialists who work in the field of safeguarding, offender management and crime prevention may not have read the Prevent strategy, but invariably find that they understand the principles that underpin it and quickly gain the confidence to discuss the issues arising out of extremism, and use this knowledge in their everyday work.

The medium that is used to deliver an understanding of the Prevent strategy is called 'WRAP'. It is a Home Office owned product.

## What is WRAP?

The Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) is an interactive, facilitated workshop centred on a DVD product. It is normally delivered in around 1 hour and participants will have the opportunity to ask questions or discuss the connected issues either during or after the session.

It is aimed at frontline staff (such as police, safeguarding services, probation, education and youth justice staff) and is intended to give them:

- An awareness and understanding of the Prevent agenda and their role within it.
- The ability to use existing expertise and professional judgement to recognise potentially vulnerable individuals who may be susceptible to messages of violence.
- The confidence to use a common sense based response to make referrals .

The workshop covers the normal social processes that are used to influence and manipulate vulnerable people. It includes extreme right-wing and Al Qa'ida case studies, terrorist ideologies and factors which may contribute to an individual's susceptibility to an extremist ideology.

During the workshop, there will be an opportunity to discuss how these issues present a risk in your local area.

The workshop will also give an introduction to the ways that a referral might be made when staff believe someone needs support – this includes an overview of the 'CHANNEL' risk assessment and case conferencing system operated locally in Harrow by Police, the Council and their partners

Designated safeguarding representatives and managers are invited to learn more about CHANNEL in the short, simple on line learning package at

[http://course.ncalt.com/Channel\\_General\\_Awareness](http://course.ncalt.com/Channel_General_Awareness)

The Prevent Strategy can be viewed on line through the Home Office website.

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