

Prevent strategy at Prospect



What is Prevent?

Prevent aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It is part of the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy.

Challenging Extremist ideology
Supporting Vulnerable People
Working with institutions

What is Terrorism?

Terrorism is the unlawful use of violence or a threat of violence to support a belief or ideology.

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Extremism is the use of extreme behaviour to support a belief or ideology. Not all extremism is harmful or criminal, but sometimes those who behave in an extreme way can go on to become terrorists.

Prevention is better than the cure

The Hampshire Constabulary Prevent Team, in partnership with local authorities and other partnership agencies, is working to stop people becoming or supporting terrorists. They are doing this by building stronger, safer communities who feel empowered to reject extremism and terrorism in all its forms.

The threat

Although extremely rare in the UK, terrorism is a danger to us all. The communities of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight can be threatened by a minority of people who encourage or glorify violence in the name of a political ideology or a religion. The most severe threat to the UK is currently from people returning from international war zones such as Syria and Iraq. Other threats include people who espouse racist or anti-religious views thereby stirring up hatred which can lead to violence.

Hampshire Constabulary's Aim

Our aim is to help people, to prevent them from being drawn into terrorism or extreme violence. We do this by supporting those people who are vulnerable to becoming extremists; by working with institutions and sectors and also challenging

extremist ideologies. Safeguarding options are used to ensure that the individual is protected and that communities remain safe.

Contact

If anyone has concerns about an individual, please call the Hampshire Constabulary non-emergency number, 101, or email

prevent.engagement@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Alternatively, call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on

0800 789 321

If you see extremist material online

The internet is used by some people to promote terrorism and extremism. Hampshire Constabulary is committed to protecting citizens but we rely on people to tell us about it. Visit

[www.direct.gov.uk/reportingonline terrorism](http://www.direct.gov.uk/reportingonline%20terrorism)

which is dedicated web page where you can report online content you think might be illegal or which you find offensive.