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Radicalisation and Extremism

Legislation places a duty on all relevant public bodies to support and promote those who may be vulnerable to harm or abuse including through exploitation –this now includes **radicalisation**.

Any concerns regarding radicalisation and extremism will be treated seriously and as any other Safeguarding referral therefore the key messages for staff are:

- Discuss any concerns with safeguarding leads – Matthew Barry, Rachel Timms or Jill Gibson
- Make sure you are familiar with the Safeguarding procedures – the 5R's process
- Contact or seek advice from the CTU (Counter Terrorism Unit) or MASH (Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub)

Definitions include:

Radicalisation: the process (not an event) by which a person comes to support violent extremism.

Extremism: the holding of extreme political or religious views e.g. animal welfare rights, environmentalists, EDL / white supremacy groups, anti-gay groups, Islam / Christian ideology .

See diagram below – when a person is vulnerable it is easier to dissuade but more difficult to detect / when a person is imprisoned it is too late to dissuade but easier to detect.



Statistics:

- Since April 2010, over 750 people have been arrested for terrorism-related offences, more than 210 have been charged and over 140 have been successfully prosecuted.
- The enhanced Royal Prerogative power has been used on 29 occasions in order to disrupt the travel of people planning to engage in terrorism-related activity overseas.
- Since December last year, over 46,000 items that encouraged or glorified acts of terrorism have been removed from the internet.

Source: **Counter-Terrorism and Security Bill**

Radicalisation has a range of causes and it is possible to intervene to **prevent** vulnerable people being withdrawn into terrorist related activity. Causes can include:

- Access to ideology with relative lack of knowledge
- Group identity through having a want to belong / the power of love – seeking a cause
- Personal identity / self-persuasion through wanting the thrill and status – believing the hype and encouraged by propaganda
- Resentment or feelings that others opinions are unjust – that can bring about fear or hatred



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Signs that people are / could be involved, or being drawn into, terrorist-related activity is *usually* – like with other Safeguarding issues – around changes in behaviour such as:

- Becoming isolated or showing signs of paranoia; not trusting ‘the system’
- Voicing narrative from Groups and beliefs or using hate terms
- Inappropriate use of the internet
- Drawing art work that displays violent images or messages
- Accessing materials on-line or through research
- Other people are expressing concern or asking for help or support
- Showing harshness toward others or lack of patience
- Displaying intolerance or bigotry
- Displaying excessiveness or exaggeration
- Wanting to search for answers to questions about identity, faith and belonging or in some cases, kudos

Useful Links:

The two page fact sheet on the counter-terrorism and security bill can be found at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/382240/CTS_Bill - Factsheet 1 - The Bill.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/382240/CTS_Bill_-_Factsheet_1_-_The_Bill.pdf)

Details of the government’s counter-terrorism strategy “CONTEST” can be found at:

www.gov.uk/government/policies/protecting-the-uk-against-terrorism

* The Channel “Protecting vulnerable people being drawn into terrorism” a- a guide for local partnerships October 2012 can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/118194/channel-guidance.pdf

The link to Learning Together to be safe can be found at:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130802100617/http://www.lsis.org.uk/sites/www.lsis.org.uk/files/migrated-files/LearningTogethertobeSafe.pdf>

*Prevent being one of the Government’s four references under the Counter Terrorism strategy CONTEST; the others being Pursue, Protect and Prepare.