

# COUNTERING EXTREMISM IN YOUNG PEOPLE

## Who is susceptible?

Any child could be susceptible to extremist narratives.

There are some factors that may make some children more susceptible than others.

Extremist groups tap into young people's insecurities and claim to offer answers and promise a sense of identity that young people often seek.

As part of their recruitment strategy, extremist groups also work to undermine the authority of parents and guardians.



## Definitions and key terms

### 01

#### Extremism

"the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and respect and tolerance for different faiths and beliefs."

### 02

#### Terrorism

"An action or threat designed to influence the government or intimidate the public. Its purpose is to advance a political, religious or ideological cause."

### 03

#### Radicalisation

"the term commonly used to describe the processes by which a person adopts extremist views or practices to the point of legitimising the use of violence."

## Prevent & Channel

### Prevent

Prevent is part of the UK's counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. Its main goal is to protect vulnerable people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Prevent has three key objectives:

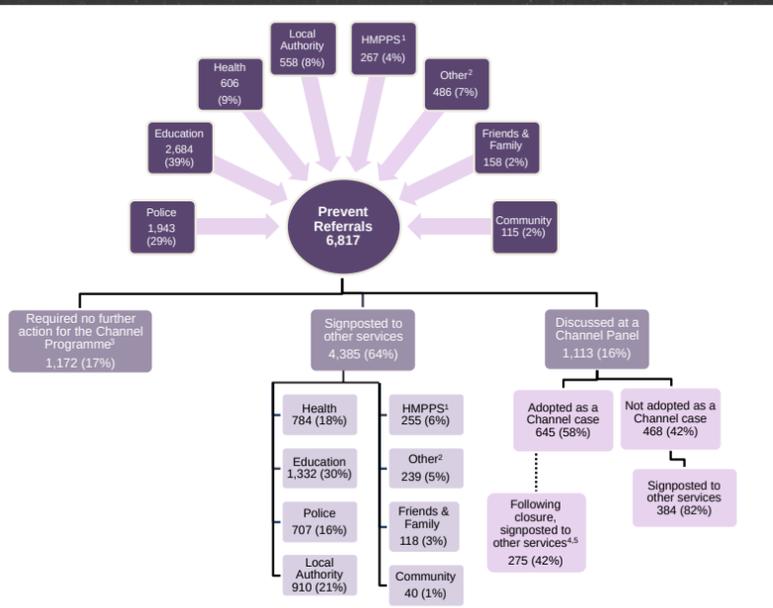
1. Address the root causes of radicalisation and counter terrorist ideologies.
2. Safeguard and support those at risk of radicalisation through early intervention.
3. Help those involved in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate



### Channel

Channel is a voluntary, confidential programme that helps people at risk of being drawn into terrorism. It involves multiple agencies like local authorities, police, education, and health providers. Channel is a support programme, not a criminal sanction. Referrals can come from anyone concerned about someone at risk, including family, friends, and colleagues. Channel offers various types of support, such as

1. Education and career advice
2. Mental or emotional health support
3. Help with drug or alcohol abuse
4. Theological or ideological mentoring



To make a referral download the referral form at [kent.gov.uk/prevent](http://kent.gov.uk/prevent) and send to [prevent.referrals@kent.police.uk](mailto:prevent.referrals@kent.police.uk)

## what can you do?

Talking to your child about extremism and giving them the facts will help them to challenge extremist arguments.

Be honest with them and talk to them about extremism and radicalisation on a regular basis.

Teach your children to understand that just because something appears on a website, it doesn't mean it's factually correct.

Talk to your child about online safety.

