

CHANNEL



CHANNEL IS A KEY PART OF THE PREVENT STRATEGY AND IS REQUIRED BY LAW UNDER THE COUNTER TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT 2015. IT'S A PROGRAMME IN ENGLAND AND WALES THAT HELPS PEOPLE WHO MIGHT BE AT RISK OF BECOMING INVOLVED IN TERRORISM.

Before any support can be provided under the Channel programme, the individual referred (or their parent or legal guardian, if they are under 18) must give their consent. This ensures that participation is voluntary and respects the individual's autonomy.

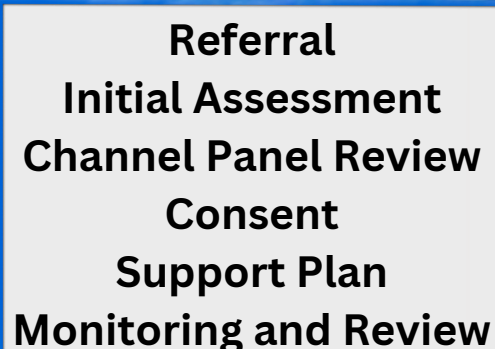
Early Intervention and Support



Channel offers early support to anyone vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism or supporting terrorist organisations, regardless of age, faith, ethnicity, or background. This support helps individuals before their vulnerabilities are exploited by those promoting terrorism and before they become involved in terrorist activities.

How are individuals identified for Channel support?

Individuals are identified for Channel support through a multi-agency approach that involves various professionals and community members. Here's how the process typically works:



- Referral
- Initial Assessment
- Channel Panel Review
- Consent
- Support Plan
- Monitoring and Review

Statistics



- **6,817** referrals to Prevent were made in the year ending March 2023.
- Since 2015, over **4,400** referrals have been supported through the Channel Programme.
- Individuals **aged 15 to 20** accounted for the largest proportion (**32%**) referrals
- Individuals aged **14 and under** accounted for **31%**, followed by individuals aged between **21 and 30 (14%)**.

Relevant Contact Details:

To make a referral download the referral form at kent.gov.uk/prevent and send to prevent referrals@kent.police.uk

To speak with the Kent and Medway Prevent team contact; prevent@kent.gov.uk

To report illegal or harmful information, pictures or videos you've found on the internet that promote terrorism or extremism contact; <https://www.gov.uk/report-terrorism> where you can make your report anonymously

