

## What you can do to help

Channel is about partnerships and communities working together to support vulnerable people at an early stage and preventing them from being drawn into violent extremism. **Channel is not about reporting or informing on individuals in order to prosecute them.**

If you have concerns about someone who may be vulnerable please contact your Social Care, local Channel co-ordinator, or the Prevent Lead in your organisation for advice.

Violent extremism is a real threat to all communities. Violent extremists actively aim to damage community relations and create division. That is why it is vital that we all work together to support those who are vulnerable in this way.

## To contact your local co-ordinator:

Email:  
[prevent@warwickshireandwestmercia.pnn.police.uk](mailto:prevent@warwickshireandwestmercia.pnn.police.uk)  
Call:



## Warwickshire

Community Safety & Substance Misuse  
Early Intervention Peoples Group  
Education Safeguarding  
Mental Health, Social Care & Support Services  
Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council  
Probation Service  
Warwickshire County Council

## West Mercia

Herefordshire County Council  
NHS  
Probation Service  
Shropshire County Council  
Telford & Wrekin Council  
Worcestershire County Council

## Staffordshire

HM Prison Service  
Mental Health Teams  
Staffordshire County Council  
Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service  
Staffordshire & West Midlands Probation Trust  
Stoke-on-Trent City Council  
Youth Offending Teams

## Birmingham & Black Country

Birmingham City Council  
Dudley Local Authority  
Sandwell Local Authority  
Walsall Local Authority  
West Midlands Fire Service  
Wolverhampton City Council

## Coventry & Solihull

Coventry City Council  
Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust  
Mental Health Teams  
National Health Service  
Solihull Borough Council  
United Kingdom Border Agency  
Youth Offending Teams

# CHANNEL



Working in partnership with over  
30 key agencies from across the  
West Midlands region



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## What is CHANNEL?

The police service and partners have an integral role to play working with local communities to support people who are vulnerable to being drawn into criminal activity. This could be in relation to drugs, knife crime, guns and gangs or involvement in violent extremism.

This factsheet provides information in relation to **Channel – A partnership approach to support individuals vulnerable to recruitment by violent extremists.**

Channel provides a mechanism for supporting people who may be vulnerable to violent extremism by assessing the nature and extent of the potential risk and, where necessary, providing an appropriate support package tailored to an individual's needs.

A multi-agency panel, chaired by the Local Authority, decides on the most appropriate action to support individuals, taking their circumstances into account.

## Why it matters to you

Supporting those who may be vulnerable to being drawn into violent extremism is a key objective of the Government's Prevent strategy. All areas of the West Midlands region are required to have local action plans in place to support vulnerable individuals.

**Wherever possible, Channel will compliment existing safeguarding mechanisms and processes in a supportive role.**

The partnership focused structure is similar to existing, successful initiatives which aim to support individuals and protect them from harm - such as involvement in drug, knife or gun crime.

Supporting those most at risk of being drawn into violent extremism is about diverting people away from potential threat at an early stage - which prevents them from being drawn into criminal activity.

Partnership involvement ensures that vulnerable individuals have access to a wide range of support from diversionary activities through to providing access to specific services such as education, housing and employment.

Each multi-agency panel varies according to



local circumstances but partners (who are all signed up to an Information Sharing Protocol) can include:

- **Statutory partners such as education, NHS, probation, housing and the police service**
- **Social Care**
- **Children's services**
- **Youth offending services**
- **Credible and reliable members of the community**



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