

How To Make a Referral

If the concerns are that an individual is presenting an **IM-MEDIATE** terrorist risk, staff should immediately contact the police on 999 and/or the National Counter-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321.



The referring team should still make contact with the Prevent team and seek advice prior to making the referral, unless any further delay would increase the risk of harm.

If concerns are not immediate, guidance and direction on any Prevent related concerns should be sought by contacting the Trust's Prevent team via email at bsmhft.prevent@nhs.net. A referral to the trust Prevent team can also be made via RiO, under 'referral management-create new referral' and following the steps. A Prevent form should also be completed under 'Safeguarding' in the navigation area.



Contact Details

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Email: bsmhft.prevent@nhs.net

Or call **Safeguarding Advice Line** 0121 301 1100



Prevent

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Main switchboard: 0121 301 0000
www.bsmhft.nhs.uk

Prevent Matters

Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust is committed to minimising the risk of radicalisation by recognising and supporting both adults and children who may be vulnerable to extremist influences.

What is Prevent?

Prevent is part of the UK's counterterrorism strategy. It aims to prevent people from becoming involved in terrorism or supporting it. Prevent works with individuals and communities by using voluntary early intervention. Prevent is safeguarding. In the same way that support is provided to people at risk of involvement with drugs, gangs, or other forms of harm, individuals vulnerable to being groomed into radicalisation can also be helped. Prevent is concerned with ALL forms of extremism. It addresses vulnerabilities to radicalisation in all its forms including the extreme far-right, the extreme far-left any faith-based extremism, those with no particular ideological cause, the 'incel' movement and any other form of extremist ideology. Channel is the multi-agency panel that identifies and provides support to those wishing to engage in Prevent interventions.



How Can Someone become Vulnerable?



What could make someone vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism? It is widely thought that some of these factors could include issues with

- ◇ self-esteem
- ◇ identity
- ◇ experiencing a personal crisis
- ◇ unemployment/underemployment
- ◇ feeling a sense of injustice/grievance
- ◇ transitions in life
- ◇ feeling under threat (global or local concerns)
- ◇ experiencing a need for meaning/belonging

Why is Prevent Important in Mental Health Care?

Experiencing mental ill health can impact on the above too which is why it is particularly important for us to be alert to concerns around issues of radicalisation, exploitation and grooming.

Behaviours you may wish to explore more might include:

- ◇ any change in usual behaviour, friendship group or actions
- ◇ accessing extremist material
- ◇ the use of extremist or hate terms that exclude others or incite violence
- ◇ writing or artwork that promotes an extremist message

- ◇ Increased/unknown use of the internet
Of course, any changes in behaviour should not be viewed in isolation and would not automatically indicate an involvement in radicalisation. Your clinical judgement and the collaboration of the Prevent Team should be utilised.

How Can we Help?

The Trust Prevent Team are happy to discuss any initial concerns you may have, however small. We will liaise and advise in partnership with the clinical team.



Joint decision making, preferably with the involvement of the service user concerned, allows us to reach a shared understanding of any vulnerabilities and potential risk.

We will visit your team and service user to discuss the concerns raised if this is felt to be helpful. We are also able to complete a formal Prevent referral to the West Midlands Police Counter Terrorism Unit (WMPCTU) and work with teams and partner organisations to protect and support vulnerable individuals to reach positive outcomes for them.

The Prevent team act as liaison between the team and the WMPCTU. We have a dedicated Prevent email and work within the Trust's Prevent Policy (RS32), which can be found on Connect.