



Quarterly Prevent National Newsletter

Dear All,

Welcome to the first quarterly Prevent National Newsletter. This Newsletter will serve to keep you up to date on the latest issues regarding Prevent delivery in the local government sector at a time of significant change.

Most recently, we have seen the release of CONTEST 3.0, the letter to the Home Affairs Select Committee (HASC) following the review into the Parsons Green attack, and the ongoing rollout of Dovetail. Each of these will impact the way Prevent is delivered locally. There are also wider learnings and ongoing reflection following the multiple attacks last year: it is important that we ensure you understand how the threat picture is shifting, and how this will impact the way OSCT approaches Prevent delivery.

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CONTEST 3.0

The Home Office published CONTEST 3.0 in June 2018. The document can be found online [here](#), and has also been attached to this e-mail.

The official press release can be found [here](#). We've outlined some of the key additions to the strategy below:

[Focusing on priority, supporting all](#)

- While CONTEST 3.0 places emphasis on the known threat, we remain aware that the threat picture is diverse, as demonstrated by Parsons Green. We will therefore be placing greater focus on improving oversight, transparency and assurance. This will include an emphasis on our training offers for local authorities, in addition to greater communication with all areas.

[Multi Agency Working](#)

- MI5, Counter-Terrorism policing and the Home Office are establishing a series of Multi-agency pilots. These pilots will test multi agency working at the national and local level, focussing on different ways of sharing information with a wide range of partners including government departments and local authorities. By sharing information with a greater number of agencies we will improve the breadth and scale of interventions for those vulnerable to being radicalised and those who have supported or been involved in terrorist related activity.

[Desistance & Disengagement Programme \(DDP\)](#)

- DDP will continue to focus on individuals who are subject to court-approved conditions, including all terrorism and terrorism-related offenders on probation licence, as well as those on Terrorism Prevention Investigation Measures (TPIMs) and those who have returned from conflict zones in Syria or Iraq and are subject to Temporary Exclusion Orders (TEOs). The programme is mandatory in many cases, and runs alongside existing statutory risk assessment and management processes such as the Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA). These interventions are designed to



provide the best possible means for these individuals to disengage from terrorism and reintegrate safely back into society.

Local Authority Toolkit

To support the local government sector, OSCT has published a Toolkit for local authorities and local authority partners. The Toolkit has been designed with local partners to provide practical information and examples of best practice to support local authorities and their partners in their work to implement the Prevent duty.

The Toolkit can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-toolkit-for-local-authorities-and-partner-agencies>.

Parsons Green

On 18 June the Permanent Secretary of the Home Office, Sir Philip Rutnam KCB, sent a letter to the chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee (HASC), Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP, regarding the Parsons Green attack. You can find the letter published online [here](#), and attached to this e-mail.

The letter provides key recommendations and actions on issues such as immigration, mental health support and Channel quality assurance. As outlined in the letter, actions have been taken or are in train to mitigate the risks and gaps identified in this case.

One such change we have made is the addition of an immigration single point of contact for Channel Chairs. Alison Green (alison.green@homeoffice.gov.uk), National CT Co-ordinator for Immigration Enforcement, is on hand to assist Channel Chairs should they have concerns or queries regarding the immigration status of an individual referred to their Channel panel. Separately, in November 2017 NHS England released guidance for mental health services engaging with Channel. We are currently working with the Department for Health and Social Care to review the impact of this guidance.

We will be continuing our work in these areas, and we will ensure that relevant communications keep you abreast of the latest developments in this regard.

Project Dovetail

As you will know, Project Dovetail is continuing to rollout in 2018/19. In addition to the nine initial Dovetail pilot sites (Blackburn with Darwen, Brighton & Hove, Croydon, Haringey, Kent, Kirklees, Luton, Oldham and Swansea), the second phase of the Dovetail pilot will rollout in the North West region in autumn 2018. Rollout to the South West and Wales will follow in 2019/20, with remaining regions following from 2020/21 onwards. This revised approach to Dovetail will allow greater transparency and oversight of the process via a Dovetail Governance Board, ultimately ensuring the proposed model is resilient as it rolls-out to the rest of England and Wales. For questions regarding this process, please contact the Channel team (interventions@homeoffice.x.gsi.gov.uk).

Prevent KnowledgeHub

The Local Government Association have established a Prevent KnowledgeHub, where practitioners can exchange good practice and access a range of supporting material. Please register at: www.khub.net/group/prevent1