

1. What is it?

Channel is an early intervention multi-agency process designed to safeguard vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremism or terrorist behaviour.

Channel works in a similar way to existing safeguarding partnerships aimed at protecting vulnerable people.

In Kirklees, Local Authority staff oversees the case management and administration of the programme although the counter terrorism risk remains with the police.

7. Online Training: Channel Awareness:

<https://www.ltai.info/what-is-channel/> (short film)

E-learning:

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/channelawareness>

For all training enquires relating to Prevent and Channel:

Prevent@kirklees.gov.uk

6. What does Channel support look like?

Channel interventions are delivered through local partners, ideological specialists or third sector providers.

The support focuses on reducing vulnerabilities and increasing protective factors related to health, education, employment, housing etc. Plus specialist mentoring to counter their ideology as well as broader diversionary activities such as sport.

Each support package is tailored to the person and their particular circumstances.

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5. How does Channel work?

Channel Panels are chaired by the Local Authority and bring together a range of multi-agency partners to collectively assess the risk and decide on the support needed.

The group includes statutory and non-statutory partners, as well as lead safeguarding professionals.

A bespoke package of support will be provided to individuals considered suitable for Channel.

The Partnership approach ensures those with the expertise to address the vulnerabilities of individuals at risk, can work together to provide both holistic and ideological interventions.

For NHS Organisations there is also some additional [Practical Guidance on the sharing of information for Prevent and Channel processes.](#)

2. Making a referral?

Anyone can make a referral.

Referrals come from a wide range of partners including education, health professionals, youth offending teams, police, social services, family, community, and members of the public.

For advice, email:

Prevent@kirklees.gov.uk or
telephone: 01924 483747

Any information, advice or concern will be handled with sensitivity and you will be signposted to the [referral form](#) if progression to referral is appropriate. **Please note the above email address is the updated address for referral's to be sent to.**

If you are concerned about a patient/service user or colleague who is at risk of radicalisation and there is an **immediate** threat to life or property call 999 or the Counter Terrorism Hot Line on 0800 789 321.

3. What happens with the referral?

Referrals are first screened for suitability through a preliminary assessment by the police.

If suitable for multi-agency consideration it is passed to the local authority to case manage.

It is then discussed at the Channel panel which has representatives from the relevant partner agencies to decide if support is necessary.

4. How will the person be involved in this process?

Participation in Channel is voluntary. The consent of the individual and their parent/guardian (if a child) is required before interventions can take place.