Warwickshire Prevent News



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Welcome to a round-up of news from Safe in Warwickshire, Prevent, For more information about Prevent, visit our website www.safeinwarwickshire.com/

Local Context:

In Warwickshire, authorities and communities are working together to deliver the Government's Prevent Strategy. Prevent provides support and re-direction to vulnerable individuals at risk of being groomed into terrorist activities before any crimes are committed. Prevent is striving to be successful in eliminating the threat from violent extremism, build trust in Warwickshire's communities, work in partnership with them and empower those at risk to make positive life choices.

Prevent is working to reduce **all** types of extremism.

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Prevent Meetings

Channel Panel

Channel is a multi-agency approach to protect people at risk from radicalisation. Channel is about safeguarding adults and children and about early intervention to protect and divert people away from the risks they face. Individuals referred through to the panel are in the 'pre-criminal space', support is not imposed upon them and generally people agree to the help offered to them. If you have concerns about someone who may be vulnerable and would like a referral form please refer to the Safe in Warwickshire website <u>www.safeinwarwickshire.com/prevent</u> Referral forms can be found under the section 'Warwickshire Chanel Process'.

Our families Our future

Our Families, Our Future Events (OFOF), Countywide.

'The Our Families, Our Future project commenced in January and events took place across the county. The first event in Nuneaton was successful in attracting community members and professionals primarily from the Nuneaton area and consisted of two speakers on Prevent and Gender Equality. Other sessions had similar speakers talking about Safeguarding. They were Jayne Senior MBE 'Whistleblower from the Rotherham Child Abuse Scandle and Hanif Qadir a former foreign fighter who joined Al Qaeda in Afghanistan and now works to safeguard young men and women from similar experiences.

'The sessions are receiving positive feedback and delegates welcome the opportunity to voice their issues and concerns around issues affecting them and their specific communities'.said Priya Tekkalsi - Race Equality Officer, Warwickshire Race Equality Partnership.

The outcomes from each event will be collated by WREP and presented at a community event on 23rd May 2017.

CONTEST Event for Schools and Governors

A second CONTEST event providing a strategic overview of Prevent and Prepare was delivered on 23rd January at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry. 22 schools attended the afternoon session and 44 governors attended the twilight session.

Schools were provided with information and resources related to Prevent, a presentation from West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit and Parkfield Community School in Birmingham demonstrated their 'No Outsiders in Our School: Teaching Resilience in Children' Project. Details of training for their No Outsiders Project is below.





Prevent Learning and Development

Team Training or Community Group Training on Prevent

If your team or a community group who would like a face to face session on the Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent, this can be arranged directly with Warwickshire's Prevent Officer at a date and time suitable to yourselves. The session lasts for 2 hours and supports awareness raising around all types of extremism, grooming, radicalisation and terrorism, an understanding of how to identify someone vulnerable and how to refer into the Warwickshire Channel Panel referral system for individual support.

Team and or community training or briefings can be booked through the Prevent Officer <u>heleneheath@warwickshire.gov.uk</u> or by telephoning Helene on 01926 412432

Schools Trained at two ZAK training workshops

The Education Safeguarding Team offered 2 workshops to introduce school representatives to the Zak resource. Over 34 secondary schools attended the training. Delegates had the opportunity to consider how the benefits of using a young person friendly medium on PC's in the training room can facilitate the engagement of young people around the risks of radicalisation.

Schools stated:

'really engaging, a fantastic resource' Head Teacher & DSL

'Excellent – a brilliant resource to engage staff and pupils in meaningful discussion around the Prevent agenda' Deputy Head, Special School

Workshops were offered to schools, colleges and alternative providers free of charge.





Learning and Development continued:



DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

23rd May – Prevent Event, Ricoh Arena, Community Space, 5pm-8pm

This event is aimed at Prevent partners and communities.

The event will celebrate the success of Prevent so far and discuss what we need to do going forward into 2017/2018.

Details of this event will be confirmed at a later date.

Funding for the current Prevent Officer Role

Thanks to the ongoing support of the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Helene Heath will be full time in the Prevent Officer Role from the end of April 2017. This will increase capacity to deliver more aspects of the Prevent Action Plan going forward.

