

# Prevent - SO15 Counter Terrorism Command



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# The Threat

- On 29<sup>th</sup> August '14 the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre raised the threat to the UK from international terrorism from SUBSTANTIAL to SEVERE.
- A SEVERE terrorist threat means an attack is highly likely and could occur without warning, although there is no intelligence to suggest that an attack is imminent.
- We believe that more than 500 UK-linked individuals have travelled to Syria to fight
- Simple attacks by UK-based Islamist extremists who have not had direct contact with overseas terrorist groups remain a threat.

# ‘CONTEST’.

The UK’s current Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST) is divided into 4 areas of business.

- **Protect.** To strengthen our overall protection against Terrorist attacks.
- **Prepare.** Where we cannot stop an attack, to mitigate it’s impact.
- **Pursue.** To stop Terrorist attacks.
- **Prevent.** Stopping people becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism.

# Strands of the Prevent Strategy.

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism
2. Work with institutions where there are risks from radicalisation
3. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism

# 1. Respond to the ideological challenge

- Use of the internet – over 160,000 pieces of extremist and terrorist material has been removed, much of which was flagged by members of public.
- Community role in challenging and using the red ‘stop’ button on the screen to report terrorist and extremist material.



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### 3. Protecting vulnerable people

- Channel Process
- Disruption of radicalisers where they operate

## Further training available - Prevent Workshop

The “Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent” takes about an hour to complete, and has specific case studies from different sectors such as health and education. By the end of the workshop attendees will be able to:

- Understand Prevent’s aims
- Think about who may be vulnerable to terrorism
- See why some people are able to influence and manipulate others to commit crimes
- Recognise when a vulnerable individual may be in need of your help
- And be clear on what help and support looks like in this area, and who you should speak to if you have concerns.

# Prevent Strategy



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