JTL Prevent Policy Guidance

Any member of staff who has any concerns regarding the issues identified within this guidance policy should report those concerns immediately to JTL’s Safeguarding Officer.

Prevent is part of the Government counter-terrorism strategy (CONTEST). It’s designed to tackle the problem of terrorism at its roots, preventing people from supporting terrorism or becoming terrorists themselves. The current threat from Terrorism and Extremism in the United Kingdom is real and severe and can involve the exploitation of people; including children, young people and adults, to involve them in extremist activity.

This policy guidance is designed to provide a clear framework for JTL with how to respond to safeguarding concerns for those who may be vulnerable to the messages of extremism.

Using the Governments Prevent Strategy this guidance seeks to:

• Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views;
• Provide practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support;
• Work with a wide range of sectors where there are risks of radicalisation which needs to be addressed, including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, the internet and health

This policy guidance also provides details of the Channel process and expectations in identifying appropriate interventions.

The age profile of JTL learners range from 16-25 years, it is essential that JTL meets its obligation under the Prevent Duty and fosters a shared value of promoting cohesion and recognise that the risk of radicalisation and extremism can and do manifest within a learning environment.

In order to achieve the objectives of the Prevent Duty, JTL will focus on the following areas:

Leadership and Management

JTL will encourage all staff and learners to:

• Promote Equality and Diversity, Fundamental British Values, challenge bullying and discrimination;
• Promote the wellbeing of all staff and learners;
• Carry out risk assessments where it is identified staff or learners may be at risk of being drawn into terrorism.

Teaching, Learning and Assessment

JTL will encourage all staff and learners to:

• Promote a positive ethos throughout the learning environment;
• Build the skills and knowledge to understand how to recognise the undermining extremist ideologies;
• Challenge extremist narratives;

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**Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare**

JTL will encourage all staff and learners to:

- Promote JTL’s code of conduct and expectations;
- Be aware of online risk including online grooming and exploitation;
- Understand e-safety including social media;

To ensure that JTL are preparing staff and learners in the management of risks of extremism, appropriate training will be introduced to understand the nature of the threat from extremism and how this may directly impact on learners as well as managing risks within JTL and from external influences.

In order for JTL to respond to incidents or events, JTL will need to introduce measures to reduce potential acts of extremism particularly within JTL Training Centres.

Any incidents that are reported will need to be referred to the local Prevent Co-Ordinators using the Channel programme where external agencies will be informed and will assess the threat and/or risk and will provide advice and guidance.

Referrals will be made directly by the JTL’s Safeguarding Officer in the first instance; all incidents must be recorded using the JTL Incident reporting procedure.

**Possible Signs of Radicalisation**

Through research from various organisations such as the Police; there are possible indicators that contribute to a person potentially being radicalised; these indicators are not exclusive:

- The individual’s views have/or are becoming increasingly extreme regarding another section of society or government policy. – This could be understood as having faith or ideology issues.
- The individual’s is observant downloading, viewing or sharing extremist propaganda from the internet.
- The individual becomes withdrawn and focussed in one ideology, possibly influence by family or friends. There is also the potential for mental health issues.
- The individual becomes increasingly intolerant of more modern views.
- The individual may change their appearance; they may become distance and isolated from family, friends, colleagues. A transitional change could be a key factor for becoming distant.
- The individual expresses a desire or intent to take part in or support extremist activity. This could be politically motivated, wanting a sense of justice, excitement or adventure. This could also be a group influence seeking to take risk and possible engage in criminal activity.

**Training**

JTL have a suite of online training for all staff to access. Prevent/Counter-terrorism training is part of the Safeguarding remit and all staff and Board Members are encouraged to access or attend training. All Safeguarding and Equality & Diversity Training is carried out every two years and is mandatory within JTL.

**Incidents/Concerns**

All incidents must be reported to JTL’s Safeguarding Officer based at Head Office. If staff have immediate concerns they must contact the authorities using the Channel Programme where trained
Police Prevent Co-ordinators will intervene and/or advise and support. Staff are to report any concerns the same way they would safeguarding or E&D Incidents, and are advise to record the incident on JTL’s Management System as soon as possible.

If the individual needs an immediate referral, please use the JTL Channel Referral document JTL786 and contact JTL’s external Prevent Coordinator, details are in Appendix 1 and 2.

**Definitions**

**Radicalisation** is a process by which an individual or group comes to adopt increasingly extreme political, social, or religious ideals and aspirations that reject or undermine the status quo or reject and/or undermine contemporary ideas and expressions of freedom of choice.

**Extremism** is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas” (HM Government Prevent Strategy 2011)

**CHANNEL** is a key element of the “Prevent” strategy and is a multi-agency approach to protect people at risk from radicalisation. Channel uses existing collaboration between local authorities, statutory partners (such as the education and health sectors, social services, children’s and youth services and offender management services), the police and the local community.

Channel is about safeguarding children and adults from being drawn into committing terrorist-related activity. It is about early intervention to protect and divert people away from the risk they face before illegality occurs.
Appendix 1 - Process Overview

**Prevent Incident**

Individual is at risk of being radicalised or becoming a terrorist

Refer to JTL Safeguarding Officer

Assessment identified individual is of concern

Support may not be suitable for this individual

**Concern is a Police Matter**

Identified person who may be at risk - Refer to Jo Ferris on 07876 131411 or jo.ferris@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Individual is assessed including vulnerability assessment

Multi-Agency Panel meet to discuss concerns

Support identified, including support for JTL and Employer

JTL Risk Assessment in place
Appendix 2 – Prevent Incident, What to do

Prevent Incident

- Member of staff reports concern via, telephone or E&D Incident to JTL’s E&D/Safeguarding Officer
- Obtain all details of who, where they are, what was disclosed or what are the concerns
- Refer the concern via the Channel Process. Refer to Jo Ferris on 07876 131411 or jo.ferris@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk to make the referral
- Ensure you obtain all details of who you have contacted including PC Number, authority etc, all information should then be updated in the learners E&D Incident page.

Substantiate if the individual is at immediate risk if so complete the Channel Referral Form JTL 786

Is the individual under the age of 18 years? If so has their parents been contacted? Check with Tracey Hughes for Next of Kin details