

Prevent



What is Prevent?

The Prevent strategy, published by the Government in 2011, is part of our overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The aim of the Prevent strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. In the Act this has simply been expressed as the need to “prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

The 2011 Prevent strategy has three specific strategic objectives:

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
- prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support
- work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address. Prevent is intended to deal with all kinds of terrorist threats to the UK. The most significant of these threats is currently from terrorist organisations in Syria and Iraq, and Al Qa’ida associated groups. Terrorists associated with the extreme right also pose a continued threat to our safety and security.

Islamist extremists regard Western intervention in Muslim-majority countries as a ‘war with Islam’, creating a narrative of ‘them’ and ‘us’. Their ideology includes the uncompromising belief that people cannot be both Muslim and British, and that Muslims living here should not participate in our democracy. Islamist extremists specifically attack the principles of civic participation and social cohesion. These extremists purport to identify grievances to which terrorist organisations then claim to have a solution.

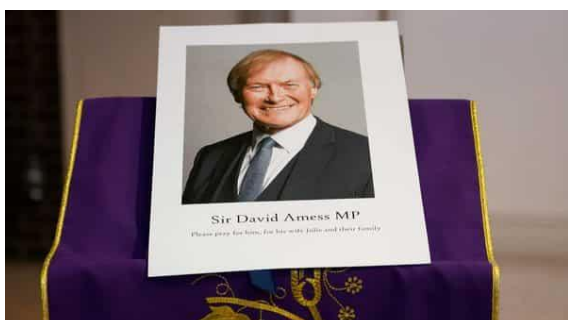
The white supremacist ideology of extreme right-wing groups has also provided both the inspiration and justification for people who have committed extreme right-wing terrorist acts.

This year...



14th November 2021

Bomb outside Liverpool Women’s Hospital. Bomber Emad al Swealmeen arrived from the Middle East in 2004 and spent months building up to the attack buying ingredients for his homemade bomb. Counter Terrorism Police confirmed that the bomb was full of ball bearings and had it been detonated in different circumstances, it could have caused significant injury or death.



15th October 2021

On 15 October 2021, Sir David Amess a British Conservative Party politician and Member of Parliament (MP) for Southend West, died after being stabbed multiple times at his at Belfair’s Methodist Church Hall in Essex. He was pronounced dead at the scene at 1:13 pm. Ali Harbi Ali, a 25-year-old British man, was arrested at the scene and was later charged with murder and the preparation of terrorist acts.

Terror in the UK: Timeline of attacks



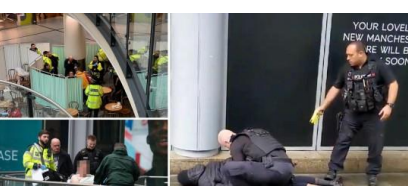
20th June 2020 – 3 Stabbed to death in Reading Park



20th February 2020 – 3 stabbed in South London



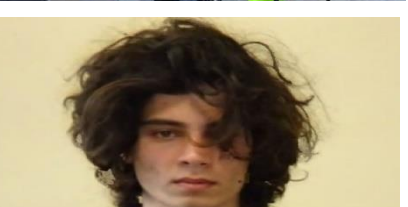
29th November 2019 – Three dead at London Bridge



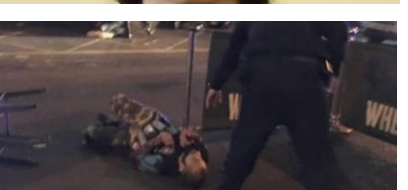
11th October 2019 – Three stabbed at Manchester Shopping Centre



14th August 2018 - Car smashes into barrier outside parliament



15th September 2017 – Explosive detonated on tube train



3rd June 2017 – 8 murdered around London Bridge



22nd May 2017 – Manchester Arena Bomb kills 22

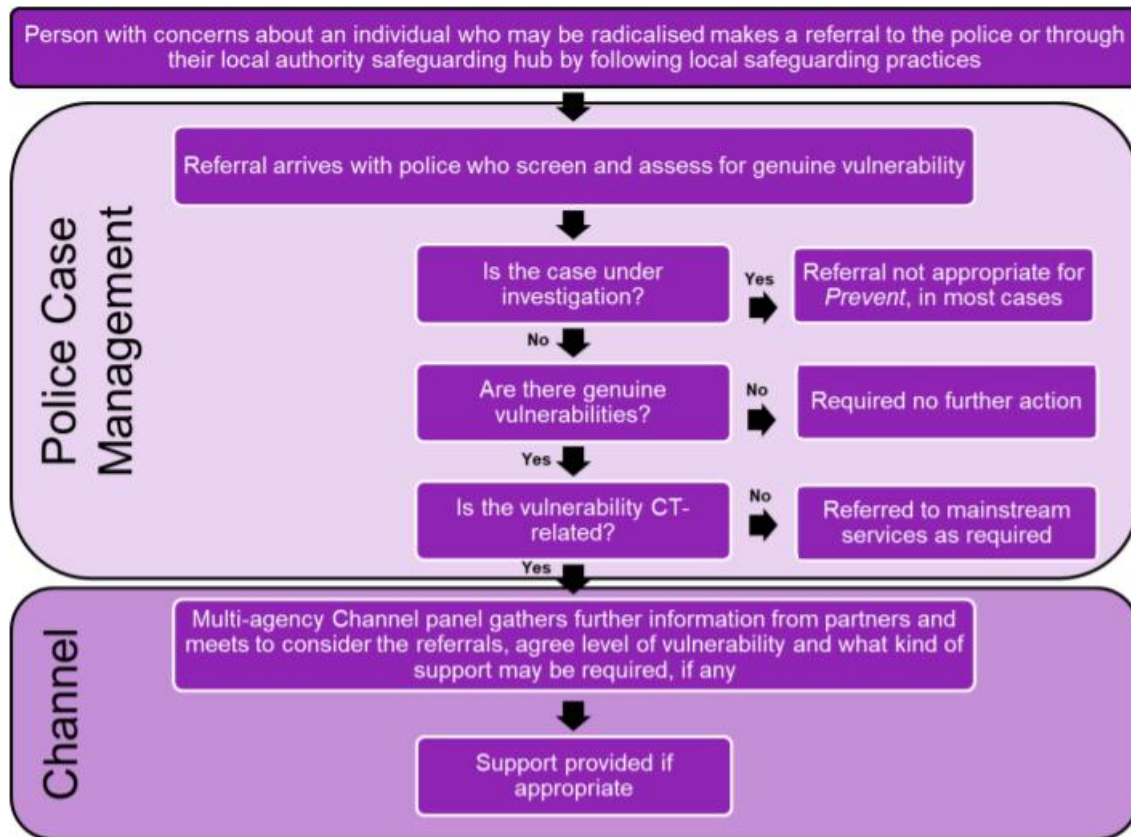


22nd May 2013 – Lee Rigby murdered near barracks

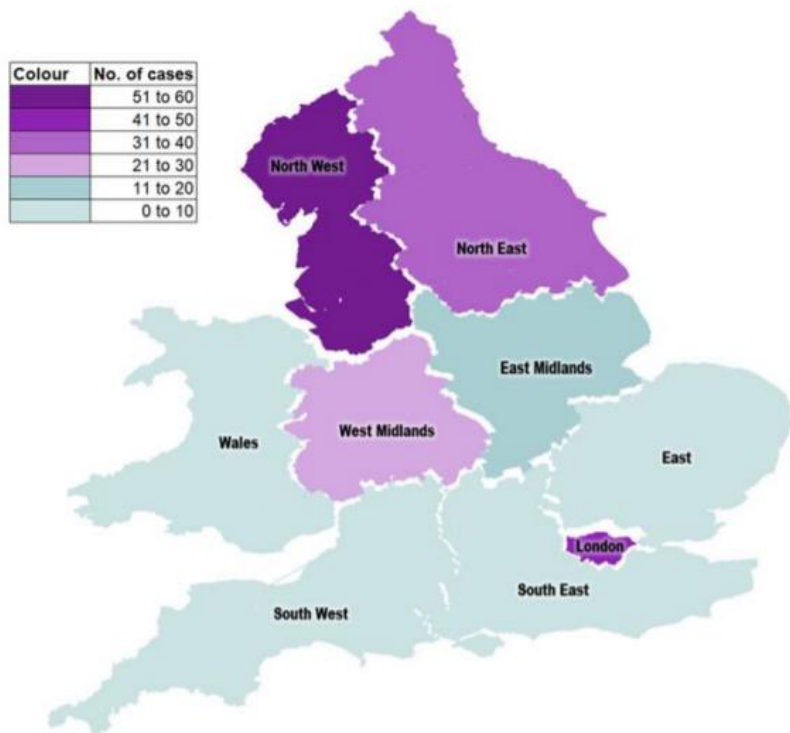


7th June 2005 – 52 killed by suicide bombers in London.

How does the Prevent Referral Process work?



Source: Home Office



Source: Home Office, Individuals referred to and supported through the *Prevent* programme, England and Wales, April 2018 to March 2019. Annex A, table [D.10](#)

Counter Terrorism Training

Police call on public to sign up to free counter-terrorism training devised by counter-terrorism officers and security experts, the ACT Awareness eLearning packages was previously only available to staff working in crowded places. Now Counter-Terrorism Policing has decided to open up the training to anyone who wants to become a CT Citizen so they can learn how to spot the signs of suspicious behaviour and understand what to do in the event of a major incident. ACT Awareness is made up of seven modules that take a few minutes each to complete. You can pause and re-join at any time. In total it takes 45 minutes - so less than an hour of you time could help to prevent an attack or help save lives if one was to happen. Go to ct.highfieldlearning.com to register and start learning.

Radicalisation and Extremism Support

Channel General Awareness

Explains how Channel links to the governments counter terrorism strategy (CONTEST)

<https://educateagainsthate.com/resources/channel-awareness-e-learning/>

Radicalisation Research

Aims to provide policymakers, journalists, and anyone whose work utilises concepts such as radicalisation, fundamentalism, or extremism, with easy access to high-quality academic research on these controversial issues.

<https://www.radicalisationresearch.org/>

How Online Radicalisation is happening

