



Walsall Prevent Digest

September 2022

Current Threat Level in the UK: SUBSTANTIAL– An Attack is Likely

Walsall Schools Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Event

One for the diaries. The next Walsall Schools Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC) Event will take place at Manor Farm Community Centre, Rushall, Walsall, on **Tuesday 15 November 2022**. Guest speakers will include (well, fingers crossed), Richard Davies, West Midlands Police, CTU Analyst, Mr Tim Hill, Ofsted Midlands Region, Jared Gibbons, DfE (Prevent Team), Katie Harrison from Picture News and Liam Teasdale from St. Giles Trust. An invite will be sent out nearer the time.

Synergy Event in Walsall

The Prevent Coordinator has organised a West Midlands Police, CTU led Synergy Event which will be held at Walsall Football Club, Poundland Bescot Stadium, Walsall on Monday 10 October 2022.

The training event is specifically aimed at professionals working in areas such as Adult Social Care, Children's Services, Mental Health Services and Youth Justice Services and certainly those agencies/organisations who have the potential to work with some of the most vulnerable people in society. Participants will be divided into groups and encouraged to work together in order to safeguard a young person who has been referred into 'Prevent'. The morning will highlight the importance of identifying threat and risk and sharing those concerns to the right people. Staff from West Midlands Counter Terrorism Unit will lead the event and help participants in understanding the signs of radicalisation as well as providing some detailed training around Extreme Right Wing ideology.



West Midlands Police, Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) - Youth Café Events

Our CTU team have organised a Youth Café Event at Walsall Football Club (Community Programme Kick Starts) on **Friday 16 September 2022**.

Youth Cafes – focus on educating young people on exploitation by looking at drug misuse, knife crime, county lines and radicalisation to extremism. The youth cafes sessions are 2 hours long and are available in schools and community centres across the region for students aged 11- 16.

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New Security Minister Appointed

On 7 July, **Stephen McPartland** was appointed as the new Security Minister at the Home Office with responsibilities including counter-terrorism, serious and organised crime, cybercrime, economic crime and hostile state activity.

Commissioner for Counter Extremism

On the 27 July **Robin Simcox** was appointed as the substantive Commissioner for Countering Extremism (CCE). The CCE is a non-statutory expert committee of the Home Office which operates independently that supports society to fight all forms of extremism and advises the government and external partners on new policies to deal with these threats.



Prevent training courses now Live

The Home Office (Prevent Team) are pleased to confirm that the new and improved awareness and referrals courses on the new Prevent eLearning service, Prevent duty training: Learn how to support people vulnerable to radicalisation www.support-people-vulnerable-to-radicalisation.service.gov.uk is now in public beta.

The new courses are designed to equip you with inclusive, unbiased and reliable information giving you the knowledge and confidence to support and safeguard the general public against radicalisation.

The new service:

- is in the GOV.UK style
- is fully accessible
- includes two new animations
- contains two new real-life case studies focusing on Islamist and extreme-right wing behaviours

This training service is for people working in sectors covered by the Prevent duty, such as education, health, local authorities, police, prisons, probation and youth justice. Other sectors that are not covered may also complete this training.

For Information, Support or Guidance around Prevent, or should you have any queries, concerns or are looking to make a referral, please do not hesitate to contact me...



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Walsall Prevent Web page

The Walsall Prevent Webpage can be located on our Safer Walsall Partnership external website. The site is live and the Prevent page can be accessed via the below link:-

www.saferwalsallpartnership.com/prevent-extremism

