

Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York

20 June 2013

Prevent update

1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update the Chief Executives' Group on Prevent in North Yorkshire and York.

2 Background

- 2.1 Prevent is the programme which aims to stop people being drawn into terrorist-related activity. It is one of the key elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. The other elements are Pursue, Prepare and Protect.
- 2.2 The Prevent Strategy (published by the Home Secretary in June 2011) sets out three objectives for Prevent:
- 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; and
 - work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation which we need to address.
- 2.3 The Prevent Strategy also sets out the expectation that all local areas will "have a partnership tasked to take forward work on Prevent using the most appropriate structure in their area and to a level which is proportionate to local risk".

3 Counter-Terrorism Local Profile

- 3.1 Implementation of the Prevent Strategy locally is guided by the Counter-Terrorism Local Profile (CTLTP). This is a restricted document produced annually by the police in conjunction with, and utilising relevant information from, local partners.
- 3.2 The CTLTP aims to:
- develop a joint understanding amongst local partners of the threats, vulnerabilities and risks relating to terrorism and non-violent extremism where it creates an environment conducive to terrorism;
 - provide information on which to base local Prevent programmes and action plans;
 - support the mainstreaming of Prevent activity into day-to-day policing, local government and partnership work; and
 - allow a targeted and proportionate use of shared resources.
- 3.3 A CTLTP has been produced annually for North Yorkshire and York since 2009. The format and usefulness of the document has improved year on year, but there is still a need for all partners to improve the sharing of information about community issues and tensions.
- 3.4 Copies of the latest CTLTP are currently being hand-delivered by North Yorkshire Police to local authority chief executives, members of the Prevent Implementation Board and members of the Prevent Partners Group (including the chairs of the seven

district based local groups). The CTLP includes an assessment of the issues within each of the districts in North Yorkshire and York.

4 Local priorities

4.1 The Prevent Implementation Board has agreed four priorities for Prevent in North Yorkshire and York:

	Priority	Summary of agreed actions
1	Improving the quality of local intelligence about the risks.	All partners will seek to improve collection and sharing of information about community issues and tensions, including through the CTLP.
2	Ensuring that relevant people know how to respond if they are concerned about individuals who may be vulnerable to being drawn in to terrorism.	All partners will have a trainer able to deliver the national WRAP package. All partners will embed key points into relevant mainstream training, for example alongside safeguarding issues.
3	An agreed process for responding when individuals who may be vulnerable to being drawn in to terrorism are identified.	All partners will use, as far as possible, existing multi-agency safeguarding and MAPPA arrangements. Localised arrangements will be developed where it has been determined that an individual is not eligible for or best supported through multi-agency safeguarding or MAPPA arrangements.
4	Efficient partnership working at the appropriate spatial level.	

4.2 Whilst Prevent and Integration/Community Cohesion are considered separate work streams nationally; in North Yorkshire and York much of the work that is badged as Prevent is underpinned by local work around community tensions, hate crime reporting and community engagement.

5 Prevent partnership structures

5.1 The current Prevent partnership structures in North Yorkshire and York were established in 2009. These comprise the Prevent Implementation Board (gold), the Prevent Partners Group (silver) and seven district based local 'bronze' groups (Hambleton and Richmondshire have a joint bronze group).

5.2 The need to review the partnership structures was highlighted in the latest CTLP. The key issues identified were:

- ongoing concerns about whether the three tier model is the best approach, in particular whether the line of direction and accountability would be improved by a streamlined partnership structure; and
- evidence that some bronze groups are not well attended, struggling to maintain interest, and not sufficiently proactive.

5.3 A proposal to move from the current three tier structure to a two tier structure is being considered at the Prevent Implementation Board meeting on the morning of 20 June 2013.

5.4 The key changes would be:

- removal of the Prevent Partners Group;
- membership of the Prevent Implementation Board would be expanded to include the chair of each of the seven district based Local Prevent Groups;
- chairs of Local Prevent Groups would be a senior local authority officer (director / assistant director / head of service); and
- shorter lines of communication and accountability, reducing the potential for duplication and enabling the better focusing of resources on effective implementation at both the strategic and district levels.

7 Recommendation

7.1 That the Chief Executives' Group:

- receives the update on Prevent;
- supports the mainstreaming of Prevent activity into day-to-day policing, local government and partnership work; and
- supports work to improve the sharing of information about community issues and tensions, alongside proportionate responses.

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