

Leeds Prevent

THE CHANNEL PROGRAMME



What is Channel?

Channel is a voluntary programme designed to safeguard vulnerable individuals from being drawn into extremist or terrorist behaviour. Channel works in a similar way to existing multiagency partnerships for vulnerable individuals.

Who is Channel aimed at?

Channel is for individuals of any age who are at risk of radicalisation. Early intervention can prevent individuals being drawn into terrorist related activity in a similar way to criminal activity such as drugs, knife or gang crime.

How does Channel work?

The Channel Panel is chaired by the local authority and works with multi-agency partners to collectively assess the risk to an individual and decide whether an intervention is necessary. If a Channel intervention is required, the panel works with local partners to develop an appropriate support package. Partnership involvement ensures that those at risk have access to a wide range of support.

Who can make a referral?

Anyone can make a referral. Referrals have come from a wide range of partners: social services, children and adult services, health, police, education, youth offending teams and the community.

Who delivers Channel?

Channel interventions are delivered through local partners and specialist agencies. Support could include mainstream health, education, employment or housing services through to specialist mentoring or faith guidance and wider diversionary activities such as sporting activities.

Escalating concerns

If you believe that someone is vulnerable to being exploited or radicalised, please follow the established safeguarding procedures in your organisation. They can then escalate concerns to the appropriate people who can refer concerns to Channel if appropriate.

To make a referral to Channel or for more information please contact:
prevent@leeds.gov.uk



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