

## 01 What is Channel?

Channel is an early intervention multi-agency process designed to safeguard vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremism or terrorist behaviour.

Channel works in a similar way to existing safeguarding partnerships aimed at protecting vulnerable people.

In Lancashire, Local Authority staff oversee the case management and administration of the programme although the counter terrorism risk remains with the police.

## 07 How to refer

If you have concerns about someone, ring 101/999 if urgent.

For advice:

Lancashire Prevent Team:  
01254 585 260

Any information, advice or concern will be handled with sensitivity and where possible anonymity will be maintained.

Referrals can be made directly by any individual or organisation to:

[concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

Additional information:

[Channel](#)

## 02 Who can make a referral?

Anyone can make a referral.

Referrals come from a wide range of partners including education, health, youth offending teams, police, social services, family, community and members of the public.

## 03 What happens with the referral?

Referrals are first screened for suitability through a preliminary assessment by the police.

If suitable for multi-agency consideration it is passed to the local authority to case manage.

It is then discussed at the Channel panel which has representatives from relevant partner agencies to decide if support is necessary.

## 04 How will the person be involved in this process?

Participation in Channel is voluntary. The consent of the individual and their parent / guardian (if a child) is required before interventions can take place.

## 06 What does Channel support look like?

Channel interventions are delivered through local partners, ideological specialists or third sector providers.

The support focuses on reducing vulnerabilities and increasing protective factors related to health, education, employment, housing etc. Plus specialist mentoring to counter their ideology as well as broader diversionary activities such as sport.

Each support package is tailored to the person and their particular circumstances.

## 05 How does Channel work?

Channel Panels are chaired by the Local Authority and bring together a range of multi-agency partners to collectively assess the risk and decide on the support needed.

The group includes statutory and non-statutory partners, as well as lead safeguarding professionals.

A bespoke package of support will be provided to individuals considered suitable for Channel.

This partnership approach ensures those with the expertise to address the vulnerabilities of individuals at risk, are able to work together to provide both holistic and ideological interventions.

## Online Training

Channel Awareness:

<https://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/channelawareness>

For all enquiries relating to Prevent and Channel:

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