PREVENT STRATEGY
Reducing Risk of Radicalisation and Terrorism

The information below has been adapted from NHS England Prevent basic awareness training. This is part of the government counter terrorism policy and is relevant to us all. All staff working in the health sector are required to undertake basic awareness training in Prevent and this should be repeated on a 3 yearly cycle.

1. The Prevent strategy aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It is about early intervention to protect and divert people away from the risk they face before illegality occurs. The health sector is involved in Objective 2 and 3 which is:

   - To prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support.
   - To work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

2. Prevent is part of existing safeguarding responsibilities for the health sector, not an additional role. It is about identifying possible exploitation of vulnerable people in a similar way to child sexual exploitation. The key challenge for the health sector is to ensure that, where there are signs that someone has been or is being drawn into terrorism; healthcare workers can interpret those signs correctly and know when to seek advice.

3. Healthcare workers have the opportunity to refer vulnerable individuals for support in the pre-criminal space by:
   - Recognising adults at risk and children and young people who may be at risk of radicalisation;
   - Working in partnership to reduce risk and protect the individual and
   - Provide adequate and necessary support as part of a proportionate multi-agency response.

4. Vulnerability factors:
   - Radicalisation is a process, not a one off event - somebody will be groomed into terrorism - this is when you may notice changes in that person and be able to help before any crimes are committed.
There is no single profile of a terrorist – there is no checklist to measure someone against.

The Prevent programme is not about race, religion or ethnicity – the programme is in place to prevent the exploitation of susceptible people.

5. **Recognise, understand and share concerns:**
   Everyone has a responsibility in helping to reduce the risk of someone being exploited by radicalisers and subsequently drawn into terrorist-related activity.

So if you have the slightest concern about anyone:

- Showing violent expressions or behaviour that causes you to feel uncomfortable
- Or become aware of adults who may be at risk of becoming increasingly radicalised
- Or come across patients who have injuries that they are reluctant to give an explanation for then:

**Report your concerns to ensure the individual can receive support**

6. Contact the safeguarding team on Tel: 01772 214376 to discuss any concerns

**IF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY IS ALREADY OCCURRING PLEASE CONTACT THE POLICE.**

Confidentiality can be broken in the interest of safeguarding adults at risk and wider public safety.

7. Further guidance is available:


A Prevent Training and Competencies Framework has been developed to provide clarity on the level of training required for healthcare workers; it identifies staff groups that require basic Prevent awareness and those who have to attend Workshops to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP). For further information please contact the safeguarding team.