

Rhodes Avenue Primary School

Haringey Risk Assessment
Extremism and Radicalisation

Spring 2020

Prevent Duty: Local Authority Risk Assessment January 2018

The Prevent Duty requires the Local Authority to provide an annual local risk assessment based on the Counter Terrorism Local Profile¹, produced by Counter Terrorism Policing Analysts in conjunction with partners including the Local Authority. The risk assessment acts to inform the action plans of specified agencies, ensuring the duty is met in each setting in the most context specific and targeted way.

Prevent delivery in Haringey is governed by the Haringey Prevent Delivery Group (HPDG), our quarterly strategic board which scrutinises and steers local implementation considering training, action plans, new guidance and legislation, as well as best practice. The HPDG is attended by a number of partnership services and organisations, some of which include: the local NHS Trust, Schools and Learning, Probation, Community Safety and Local Police.

Please find an update on Haringey's most significant threats and vulnerabilities below:

Syria:

There has been a decline in the number of individuals planning and attempting to travel to Syria over the last year. This trend is reflected across London and nationally, and means that those individuals previously planning to travel may instead pose a risk by means of attack planning in the UK. Nationally, a very small number of people who travelled to Syria over recent years are expected to return; detailed multi-agency arrangements will be implemented to ensure sufficient safeguarding around returnees and their communities on a case by case basis. Some individuals from the Kurdish community are known to have travelled to take part in the Kurdish independence referendum vote in September 2017, but this travel is not believed to be linked to the conflict with ISIL. Haringey's Turkish and Kurdish populations continue to be sensitive to events in Turkey and Kurdish regions in the Middle East.

Referrals:

The number of referrals received by the Prevent Coordinator has remained relatively constant over the last two years. We have seen a diversification in agencies making referrals which is positive and speaks to the increased awareness of the Prevent Duty across sectors, however the vast majority still originate from police, schools and social services, highlighting the need for more work to familiarise all professionals with the Prevent Duty and local referral pathways. There were small spikes in the number of referrals following each of the terrorist attacks in the UK in 2017, most of which were appropriate for consideration by the Channel Panel. The increased focus on the potential results of unchecked extremist ideologies is bound to result in concerns being brought to light, and demonstrates safeguarding pathways being positively utilised, as well as highlighting the constant need to use professional judgement when assessing concerns in order to avoid hypersensitivity and

¹ The Counter Terrorism Local Profile provides a summary of risk and vulnerability in each 'cluster' in London. Haringey forms the North Cluster along with Enfield, Islington, Camden and Barnet. The cluster model provides an overview of area based issues, allowing recognition of cross-border trends and opportunities for joint working, while focussing on specific issues for action in each respective borough.

inappropriate action. A large number of referrals have included an element of concern pertaining to content viewed or shared online, either via computers or mobile devices.

Community:

We have seen a reduction in overt extremist activity in the borough over recent years. In 2015 Al Muhajiroun was using stalls to distribute leaflets on Wood Green High Road, this activity ceased following preventative measures being implemented, but continues to be monitored. Likewise, in 2015/16 there were isolated incidents of stickering by far right organisations in the east of the borough, but this has not been an issue over the last 12 months. Haringey has seen a significant increase in incidents of hate crime over the last 18 months, with significant spikes in racist and Islamophobic hate crimes following the EU Referendum in June 2016, and following each of the terrorist attacks in London and Manchester spanning March 2017 to September 2017. This resulted in a notable increase in anxiety, particularly in our Muslim community.

Contact:

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding the risk assessment, please contact Christina.andrew@haringey.gov.uk, Prevent Coordinator

You can find more guidance on Prevent delivery and support in Haringey on our Prevent webpages: <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/community/community-safety-and-engagement/haringey-prevent>