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# Prevent Duty Benchmarking

## Leicestershire Update

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# Prevent Duty

- Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (the Act) places a duty on specified authorities in the exercise of their functions, to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.
- Guidance is issued under section 29 of the Act. The Act states that the authorities subject to the provisions must have regard to this guidance when carrying out their duty.

# Specified Authorities

1. Local Authorities (Unitary, County, District and Borough)
2. Schools
3. Further education
4. Higher Education
5. NHS Trusts and Foundation Trusts.
6. Prisons and Probation
7. The Police.

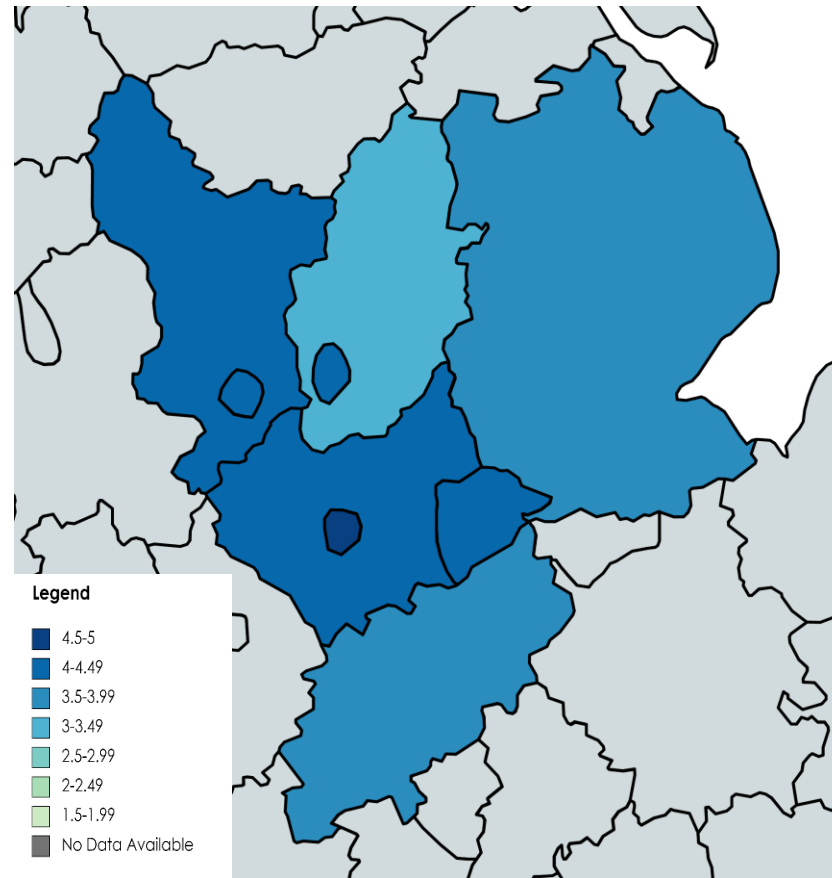
# Monitoring and enforcement

- All specified authorities must comply with this duty and will be expected to maintain appropriate records to show compliance with their responsibilities
- To provide reports when requested.

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**The last, but not the least element**

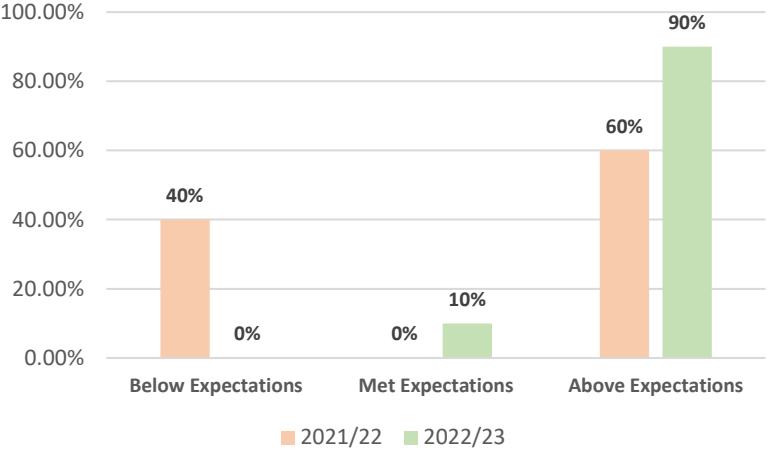
# East Midlands – Weighted Score Heatmap



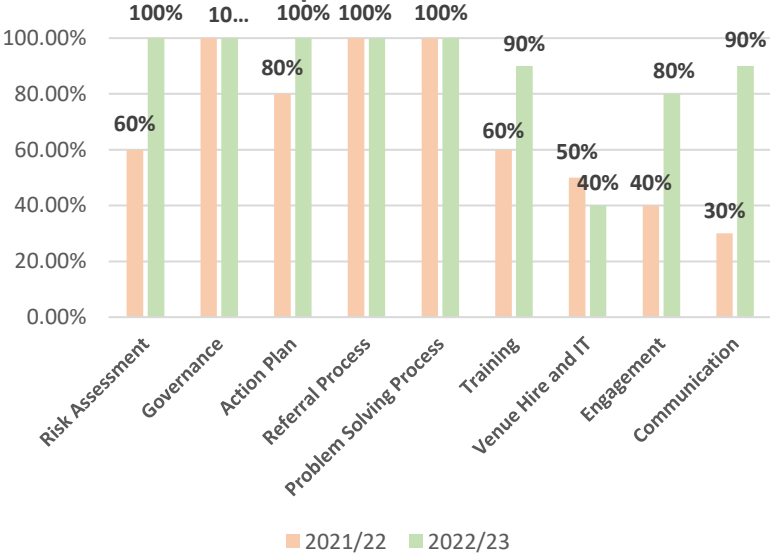
\*Excludes Northamptonshire Split

# Comparative Analysis

2021/22-2022/23 Weighted Score Comparison - East Midlands



Percentage of Benchmarks that Met or Exceeded Expectations - East Midlands



# Leicestershire Scores

Benchmarking	Risk Assessment	Multi Agency Partnership Board	Prevent Partnership Plan	Referral Pathway	Channel Panel	Prevent problem-solving	Training	Venue Hire and IT Policies	Engagement activities	Communications	55
2022	4	5	5	4	5	4	3	3	2	2	
2023	4	5	5	4	5	4	3	2	3	3	

# Recommendation 1

## Venue Hire and IT policies –

- **Not meeting VH duty** – The council need an effective venue hire policy to be compliant with the statutory duty. The policy needs to ensure that council owned premises are not used by radicalising influencers. Leasing arrangements also need to be reviewed as the duty applies to all council owned and not just council run properties. Both County and D&B Councils need to work to meet this duty.
- Training should be provided to staff responsible for taking bookings to minimise the risk.
- County have an internal Task & Finish Group with input from relevant service teams and Legal Services, meeting to determine what the current processes are within these service areas and to ensure that appropriate clauses are in place within Room Hire Agreements to meet this duty and to ensure storing of personal data is GDPR Complaint. Once County has bottomed out its processes under this duty, and endorsed by Chief Officers within the County, happy to share good practice with partners.
- Each district council should also have its own policy and this needs to be sense checked.



# Recommendation 2

## Training –

- A training strategy is being developed by the Prevent Leads Operational Group (PLOG) for LLR and we would recommend that this is supported.
- We would also recommend that the county and each district council have their own training plan ensuring appropriate training is targeted at cohorts of staff based on their role in the organisation.
- We would also strongly encourage training to be mandated for all staff and compliance monitored.
- We would also recommend that basic HO online training is included in staff induction packages at county and each district. As already mentioned we would encourage you to develop a training offer for staff responsible for venue.

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# Recommendation 3

## Prevent Partnership Plan and Governance –

- Whilst governance is strong across LLR the current review provides an opportunity to streamline governance and make the Prevent board more representative of LLR at a strategic level.
- For the county each district should have its own delivery plan and plans need to feed back through the governance structures, and link back to county plan.
- Going forward processes will be embedded via PLOG for capturing County and District & Borough plans, so that all LLR partnerships are feeding into the LLR Prevent Partnership Plan.

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# Home Office Corporate Update

- Training Update
  - Face to Face
  - Ideology specific training for practitioners
- Comms Toolkit feedback
- Elected Member network.
- JEXU Information sharing MOU
- IRP implementation update

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