

HOME OFFICE ANNUAL PREVENT DUTY ASSURANCE PROCESS 2024/25

Leicestershire Benchmarking Update 2025

COUNTER TERRORISM & SECURITY ACT 2015

Sec 26

- **General duty on specified authorities**

- (1) A specified authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

- Sec 29

- **Power to issue guidance**

- (1) The Secretary of State may issue guidance to specified authorities about the exercise of their duty under section 26(1).

- (2) A specified authority must have regard to any such guidance in carrying out that duty

PREVENT DUTY

- Govt Counter Terrorism (CT) Strategy and Prevent Duty – refreshed 31st December 2023.
- Home Office (HO) Regional Support
- Home Office Prevent Benchmark Toolkit refresh – 8 L/A Benchmarks

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.

SUMMARY OF ASSURANCE PROCESS

Key strengths identified as part of our prevent delivery for financial year 2024/25:

- Very strong and solid governance structure and excellent delivery group processes.
- Excellent dynamic risk assessment well linked into the Prevent governance structures.
- Positive action taken towards Prevent training including bespoke training plans for different council departments, variety of resources available and regular access to training.

Key actions/recommendations to assist in improving Prevent delivery:

- School staff are encouraged to access quality prevent training (e.g. monthly Prevent Training offered by DfE regional Prevent coordinator).
- Councils existing IT Firewall Policy is regularly reviewed and updated dynamically to account for emerging groups/issues of concern.
- Capitalise on opportunities for engagement and positive communications on Prevent where possible.
- Maximise opportunities provided by the funding of a full-time regional Prevent Officer role, to address gaps and maintain progress across key areas in Leicestershire.

EIGHT LOCAL AUTHORITY BENCHMARKS

| | Benchmark | Delivery Outcome |
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| 1 | Multi Agency Partnership Group | Exceeded |
| 2 | Local Risk Assessment | Exceeded |
| 3 | Prevent Partnership Plan | Exceeded |
| 4 | Referral Pathway | Exceeded |
| 5 | Channel Panel | N/A |
| 6 | Training Programme | Exceeded |
| 7 | Reducing Permissive Environments | Exceeded |
| 8 | Communication and Engagement | Met |