

**HOME OFFICE
ANNUAL PREVENT DUTY ASSURANCE
PROCESS 2025/26**

Leicestershire Benchmarking Update 2026

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 2025/26:

- There continues to be a very strong prevent partnership across Leicester, Leicestershire, and Rutland, with a solid governance structure and excellent delivery group processes.
- Risk assessment processes are very dynamic and informed by current events and regular governance review.

SUMMARY OF ASSURANCE PROCESS

Key actions/recommendations to assist in improving Prevent delivery:

- From 2026 the Prevent team are ensuring District and Borough partners are keeping their own quarterly risk log up to date, to most accurately inform the County action plan. It is recommended that this process is tracked to assure the Authority has full and timely oversight of all district and borough risks and associated mitigating actions.
- Last year, a dip-sampling exercise took place to review the referral process undertaken with Channel Chairs and CTP - this was noted as an example of best practice that provided further assurance of the robustness and effectiveness of the referral pathway – it is recommended that the process is adopted as a regular practice across LLR going forward.
- There continues to be an effective Venue Hire Policy in place which is endorsed by the Corporate Management Team. In 2025 this was put under pressure following an issue that was highlighted via a booking taken at a significant LCC owned property. The incident highlights the need for corporate Resources to work together and share responsibility with Community safety to ensure a robust process is in place, to safeguard LCC owned and leased properties from radicalising influences.

EIGHT LOCAL AUTHORITY BENCHMARKS

	Benchmark	Delivery Outcome
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

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