

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES

SAFEGUARDING VULNERABLE PEOPLE

8 January 2017

SUBJECT: Safeguarding Vulnerable People from Extremism

Report of the Chief Constable

<p>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</p> <p>1. This report provides an update and outlines the Force's current position in relation to Safeguarding Vulnerable People from Extremism.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) uses this report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Safeguarding Vulnerable People from Extremism.</p>
<p>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</p> <p>3. In addition to making sure we can effectively respond in event of a terrorist attack, we must all work together to prevent people from being radicalised in the first place. There are often a number of complex factors which can make somebody vulnerable to radicalisation so it is crucial that we work together across the community to identify those at risk as early as we can and safeguard them from extremist influences. The Prevent Duty gives direction for the police and partners around our shared responsibility to combat the threat of radicalisation within our communities and the PCC will continue to work with partners to ensure that we are all playing our part in delivering it.</p>
<p>KEY INFORMATION</p> <p>4. The PCC has committed to make sure that we have the right resources, understanding, people and governance frameworks to tackle national threats such as terrorism, serious public disorder, organised crime and civil emergencies. West Yorkshire Police is the lead force within the North East Counter Terrorism Unit (NECTU) and as such, the PCC has lead oversight for the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In addition to the general governance, accountability and administrative oversight between the OPCC and the police, the PCC has also been working closely with the NE CTU on a number of projects and keeps in contact through regular meetings and briefings.• Within the OPCC there is a lead policy officer who has responsibility for ensuring that the Strategic Policing Requirement is met, which this incorporates terrorism. The same officer also has responsibility for the priority area of radicalisation and so has built up strong working relations with the NECTU and Prevent team.• A representative from the OPCC has attended a national conference in March 2016 aimed at implementing the Prevent Duty across the education sector, and we will be building on this learning across all partners, in order to respond to the new counter-extremism and safeguarding bill.

- The PCC has also recently brought together Local Authority Prevent coordinators to discuss opportunities for better joint working on community engagement, campaigns, communications etc. between the OPCC, police and local partners.
- The PCC has also supported a range of community groups through the Safer Communities Fund which are focused on anti-radicalisation, community cohesion and protecting the vulnerable. The PCC has given £49,447.98 of Safer Communities Fund monies to 13 projects in the focussed Grant Round 11.

PARTNERSHIP CONTRIBUTION

5. Prevent, like any safeguarding strategy can only be delivered in partnership between key agencies. Whilst the police take an active role in the delivery of Prevent, many other partners are involved including those from health, education, local authorities, prisons and offender management and community groups.
- In April 2016, the PCC reviewed the new Prevent Duty guidance which directs the police and partners in their joint delivery of the Prevent strategy. This guidance has become integral to the PCCs work in bringing together key stakeholders across West Yorkshire.
 - The University of Bradford (with the support of the OPCC and NECTU) are working on a project to identify triggers in process of online radicalisation and intervention options for practitioners, this project is in the final stages and will contribute to improving the response to extremism in a tangible way.
 - Community safety partners are joining local Prevent coordinators are to plan workshops in each of the five districts to teach frontline staff across organisations about their responsibilities under the Prevent duty, raise awareness of radicalisation and improve the referral processes.

ATTACHMENT

- [Chief Constables report – Safeguarding Vulnerable People from Extremism](#) (PDF 248KB)