

PREVENT OVERVIEW

What is Prevent?

- The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 contains a duty on the council to have due regard to the need **to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism**. This is also known as the Prevent duty.
- The council provides mandatory training to all employees on Prevent. This is introductory training and provides a foundation on which to develop further knowledge around the:
 - risks of radicalisation
 - roles for all employees involved in supporting those at risk.

Why is it relevant to me?

- Prevent is about safeguarding to keep people both safe and within the law.
- The Prevent Duty is not about preventing people from having political and religious views and concerns but about supporting them to use those concerns or act on them in non-extremist ways.
- Those who work in safeguarding roles are required to take a more significant role in protecting people in their care, this is particularly relevant in Education, Social Policy and Housing. Employees in safeguarding roles must undertake the WRAP (Workshop Raising Awareness of Prevent) training provided in their services.
- However all employees need to be aware of their role.
- Briefing sessions and e-learning are provided to ensure everyone understands their role in keeping our communities safe.

What do I do if I have a concern?

- Escalation pathway – NOTICE, CHECK, SHARE
 - Firstly you **NOTICE** a concern.
 - **CHECK** your concern with someone you trust e.g. manager, colleague or family member.
 - If you continue to be concerned **SHARE** your concern with the council's Single Point of Contact (SPOC)
- If you have any concerns or queries please email: preventSPOC@westlothian.gov.uk
- For further information the Prevent Code of Practice on mytoolkit.