

Livewell Southwest

Prevent Policy

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This policy outlines Livewell Southwest's approach and commitments to preventing extremism that can lead to terrorism. It is based on the agreed multi-agency Prevent Policy which all members of the Plymouth Prevent Partnership have implemented within their individual organisations.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The National Prevent Strategy is part of the government's overall counter-terrorism strategy "**Contest**". Prevent aims to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism through three objectives:-
- a) responding to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;
 - b) preventing people from being drawn into terrorism and ensuring that they are given appropriate advice and support; and
 - c) working with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

- 2.2 Contest also includes the following elements in addition to Prevent:

Pursue: to stop terrorist attacks

Protect: to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack

Prepare: to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack.

3.0 Commitment

- 3.1 Livewell Southwest recognises the real and serious threat posed by extremism that can lead to terrorism, and that this can involve the exploitation of vulnerable people. We are committed to supporting the national Prevent Strategy and associated work of Plymouth Prevent Group.
- 3.2 "**Channel**" forms a key part of the Prevent Strategy. This is a multi-agency process to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism. Channel is a programme which assesses how vulnerable an individual is to radicalisation and to ensure support is provided in a pre-criminal space before any offence related to extremist ideology is committed. Livewell Southwest will support Plymouth's Channel Panel as required.
- 3.3 Livewell Southwest further recognises:-

- a) that under the Counter Terrorism & Security Act 2015 we have duty to pay “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism” (the “Prevent Duty”).
- b) the need to address all forms of terrorism, prioritised according to intelligence about the threat they pose to our national security.
- c) the importance of protecting freedom of speech, but that preventing terrorism will, at times, mean challenging extremist ideas to stop people moving into terrorist-related activity.
- d) that preventing individuals from getting drawn into terrorism is part of safeguarding.
- e) that communications and community engagement concerning Prevent need to be objective and based on the risks.
- f) that the government defines “extremism” as: “Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas”.

3.4 There is no place in Livewell Southwest for extremist views which are opposed to fundamental British values and can lead to terrorism. We will ensure that our work is consistent with the law and the British values of tolerance, democracy and liberty whilst enabling people to explore issues like terrorism and the use of violence in a considered and informed way.

4.0 Safeguarding

4.1 Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, families and vulnerable adults is everyone’s responsibility. Providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism is an important part of this, and fundamental to our duty of care. Therefore, in partnership, we will:-

- a) identify individuals at risk;
- b) assess the nature and extent of that risk; and
- c) develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.

4.2 Livewell Southwest expects everyone associated with our work (including employees, volunteers, board members, contractors, etc.) to play their part delivering this. We will cooperate with partners via Channel (or other routes, i.e. Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements) including sharing information and delivering interventions, as appropriate.

4.3 Anyone identifying an individual who is at risk of getting drawn into terrorism must report it promptly to their line manager and the Prevent Lead for Livewell Southwest who will take responsibility for ensuring follow up action is taken as appropriate.

- 4.4 A Prevent concern does not have to be proven beyond reasonable doubt; it should be based on something that raises concern, which is assessed by using professional judgement.

5.0 Vulnerability

- 5.1 Each person is unique, and is therefore potentially vulnerable to radicalisation for different reasons. Influences may come from e.g. family, community, and wider society, in terms of both the problem and the solution. Radicalisation can take many different forms and can involve travel abroad as well concerns such as inappropriate fund-raising, peer pressure, persuasive individuals and internet influences.

6.0 Communities

- 6.1 Livewell Southwest recognises that if mishandled, the Prevent agenda can have a detrimental effect on communities and community cohesion. There is no single profile of a terrorist. Extremism leading to terrorism can come from any community and a wide variety of motives including misuse of religion and political or ideological causes. Influences can come from this country or abroad. Communications and community engagement need to reflect this and focus on threats and risks objectively assessed, rather than perceptions and generalisations.

7.0 Making a Prevent Referral within Livewell Southwest and Escalation to the Multi-Agency Channel Process

- 7.1 Clinicians, other staff and managers should discuss any individuals they have concerns about with their line manager and the Prevent Lead in the first instance. Refer to Prevent Referral Flow Chart – Appendix A. **Note – If there is an immediate risk of harm – contact the Police on 999 immediately.**
- 7.2 In the event that a Channel process is required, it will be the responsibility of the Prevent lead to attend the multi-agency meeting and to ensure that there is appropriate representation from Livewell Southwest to facilitate an effective discussion as to the concerns identified, and actions required. This will include any relevant clinicians who may have knowledge of the individual who has been referred.
- 7.3 It will be the responsibility of the Channel Panel Coordinator to arrange attendance at the multi-disciplinary meeting and to ensure that all partners are suitably briefed to enable them to bring sufficient information to the meeting as to determine the best course of action.
- 7.4 The Prevent Lead will advise the Regional Prevent Co-ordinators of the following:

- a) Prevent cases referred to local multi-agency panels to determine an appropriate intervention, i.e. Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA), safeguarding panel or Channel;
- b) Prevent cases where referrals from partner agencies into a local multi-agency panel result in a Livewell Southwest undertaking an intervention;
- c) All Prevent cases where a staff member is referred to Human Resources as a result of risk assessment under internal policies;
- d) Prevent cases where an initial risk-assessment of a patient, service user or staff by the Prevent Lead, following discussion with the local Police Prevent lead, leads to information being disclosed regarding an on-going investigation or operation.

8.0 Training

- 8.1 Livewell Southwest will ensure that staff who are assessed as requiring training will attend the Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) training, which is provided by Professional Training and Development Department. All staff who have contact with service users or their relatives / carers should attend the WRAP training. All staff will have awareness training delivered through mandatory induction and annual update training.
- 8.2 Training attended will be recorded on individual ESR records.

9.0 Implementation

- 9.1 In order to ensure this policy is effectively implemented, Livewell Southwest will agree and deliver specific actions and support delivery of Plymouth Prevent Group's action plan as appropriate. This will include consideration of eg: use of our premises including prayer rooms, platforms for events, use of social media and internet. Progress with implementation against the Prevent Partnership action plan will be reviewed at least annually.

10.0 Monitoring

- 10.1 Attendance at WRAP training will be monitored by Locality Managers in performance reports and by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary Prevent Team Regionally. Prevent referrals and Channel cases will be monitored through the Integrated Safeguarding Committee.

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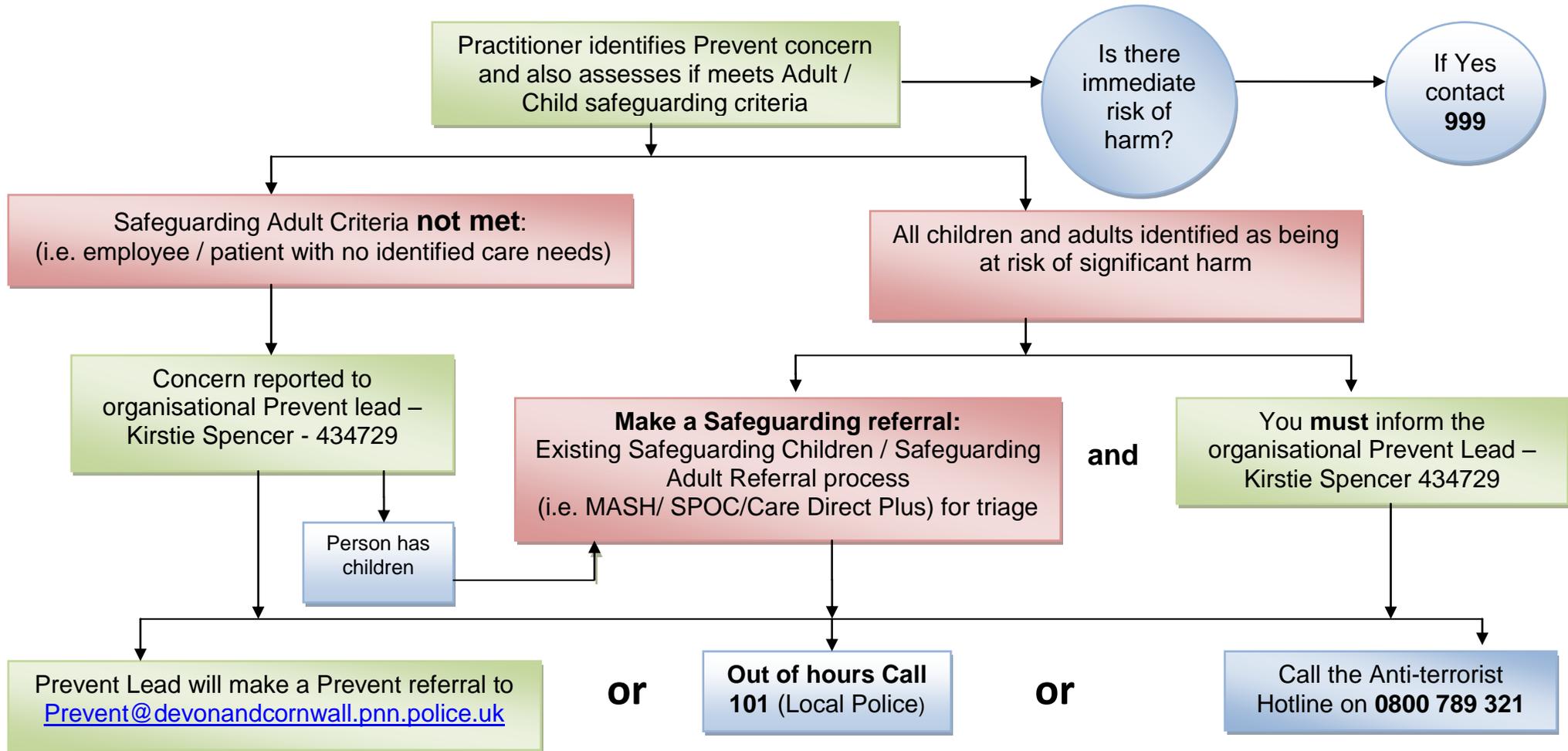
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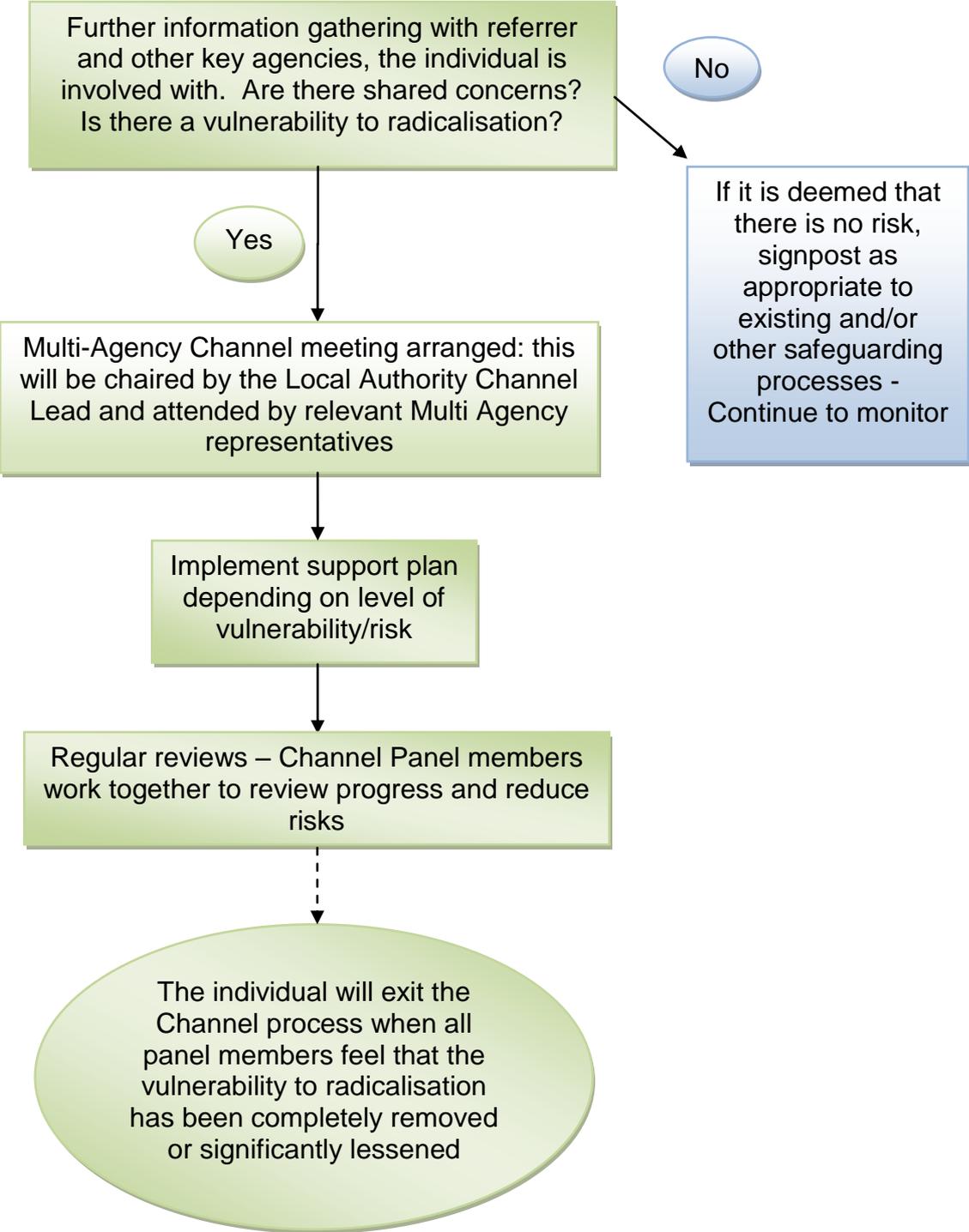
Livewell Southwest Multi-agency Prevent Referral Flow Chart

Appendix A

Channel is a multi-agency safeguarding process and early intervention strategy aimed at identifying and supporting individuals (including children) vulnerable to the recruitment of violent extremism. It must be noted this includes all forms of extremism. It is a mechanism for ensuring that these individuals are assessed and supported by professionals using statutory safeguarding frameworks and multi-agency partnership working. Below is a flowchart which illustrates how to refer a concern of this nature.



Once a referral has been made and it meets the Channel criteria, the individual/group become part of the Channel process, the Police will carry out the below process with the support of multi-agency partners working to the relevant Local Authority Lead. This process takes place in order to identify the level of risk and an appropriate support plan where necessary.



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