InformationNOW
Information for people in Newcastle upon Tyne

Keeping you and your community safe from radicalisation

Newcastle is a safe and diverse city. But radicalisation can take place. Here's more information on how to spot signs of radicalisation and how to raise your concerns.

What is radicalisation?

Radicalisation is where someone is persuaded to support terrorism and extremist views (or ideologies) that are associated with terrorist groups.

Preventing radicalisation in Newcastle

Prevent in Newcastle works to keep children and adults safe, to prevent them from being drawn into terrorism or becoming radicalised. This is known as safeguarding people from radicalisation. Their work includes:

- training, outreach and community work to identify and support people who are susceptible to radicalisation
- understanding the causes of radicalisation in communities and online
- helping people who are already engaged in or supporters of terrorism, to change their behaviour

Prevent is part of the governments counter terrorism strategy (CONTEST) You can read more about the **government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST).**

Signs of radicalisation

If you start to notice that you or someone you know is:

- Becoming increasingly argumentative or rigid in their views
- A new arrogance or sense of superiority
- Using new or unusual language
- Feelings of persecution – personal or political grievances
- Blaming others – An obsessive or angry desire for change or 'something should be done' – us and them!
- Becoming more isolated – spending more time online

It’s time to look for support and pass on your concerns.

Online radicalisation

If you start to notice that someone you know is:

- spending time online in politically extremist chat rooms
- joining closed encrypted chat rooms and forums online or on gaming platforms
- being very secretive about their internet use
- sharing extreme beliefs and opinions in online comments. For example homophobic, racist, political extremist, violent

It’s time to discuss your concerns, look for support or pass on your concerns.

You can report online material promoting terrorism or extremism at GOV.UK. This could be websites made by extremist organisations, articles, images or videos of terrorist attacks or hate speech.

What to do if you are worried

If you are concerned about someone else’s behaviour you can contact **Prevent Newcastle** for information or complete the **online Prevent Referral Form.**

Read more on gov.uk about **how to get help if you’re worried someone is being radicalised.**

What happens next

Your form is sent to the Safeguarding team at Newcastle City Council and the Counter terrorism Police team. It is then assessed by Police team to decide what the risks are.

The person may be referred into **Channel** to receive support. Channel is a support programme that helps people who might be at risk of getting involved in terrorism.

Read more about the process on the **Newcastle City Council website**.

Play your part against terrorism

Terrorism is the use of violence or threat of violence, to bring about a political, religious, or ideological change.

If you think that an extreme or terrorist situation is going to take place, **call 999** and ask for the Police.

Safeguarding people in Newcastle

Prevent is part of the safeguarding work in Newcastle. There are other programmes which work to safeguard people from gangs, drug abuse, physical and sexual abuse.

How to report abuse

In an emergency or if someone's life is at risk call 999.

Are you are worried about the safety of an adult in Newcastle? If you are, told about or witness adult abuse, are the victim of abuse or think abuse may be happening help is available. To report abuse you can:

- contact Adult Social CarePoint at Newcastle City Council
- complete an online safeguarding form
- contact someone you trust, such as a GP, nurse, police officer or care worker. They will pass on your concerns to the safeguarding agencies.
- professionals must complete the online safeguarding form

You can read more on InformationNOW about:

- **Domestic abuse**
- **Adult abuse**

Safeguarding children

If you're worried about a child or young person in Newcastle **report your concerns to the Safeguarding Team at Newcastle City Council.**

If someone is in immediate danger **call 999.**

Resources

The Educate Against Hate website gives government advice and trusted resources for schools, colleges, parents, families, professionals and the public.

ACT Early | is a website with resources to help you spot signs on Prevent radicalisation

NSPCC's Protecting children from radicalisation section has links and guidance on supporting children you think may have been radicalised.

GOV.UK have online Prevent duty training available for professionals in education, health, local authorities, police, criminal justice agencies and VCSE sectors

Hope not Hate have resources for local communities, community organisations, local authorities and people working in refugee and asylum support roles. The resources provide guidance on safety, reducing and responding to far right radicalisation

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Useful Organisations

Citizen Aid

Email: info@citizenaid.org

Website: http://citizenaid.org

Telephone: 0121 794 2456

Address: The Workspace, WV2 1EL

Northumbria Police

Website: www.northumbria.police.uk

Telephone: 101

Northumbria Police – Neighbourhood Watch

Website: http://www.ourwatch.org.uk/

Telephone: 101

Newcastle City Council Prevent

Email: joe.hogan@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/communities-and-neighbourhoods/prevent-newcastle

Telephone: 07710 845 366

Address: Newcastle City Council, NE1 8QH

Newcastle Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB)

Email: safeguardingboards@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: https://www.newcastlesafeguarding.org.uk/

Telephone: 0191 278 8156

Address: Westgate College, NE4 9LU

Safe Newcastle

Email: safenewcastleadmin@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: https://www.safenewcastle.org.uk/

Adult Social CarePoint at Newcastle City Council

Email: ASCP@newcastle.gov.uk

Website: http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/AdultSocialCare

Telephone: 0191 278 7878

Address: Adult Social CarePoint Newcastle City Council, NE4 9LU

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