

# North East Lincolnshire Prevent, Protect & Prepare Strategy 2022-2024



Everyone has the right to live in a safe and welcoming neighbourhood where they feel they belong. However the threat to the UK from terrorism is very real. North East Lincolnshire have a Multi Agency Prevent Partnership (MAPP) and a Protect & Prepare Group (PaPG) who are committed to working collaboratively to prevent vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism and violent extremism and ensure public spaces are safe. It also aims to strengthen our local protection against a terrorist attack to support the North East Lincolnshire Outcomes Framework, ensuring that *“all people live in a safe environment”*.

## The National CONTEST Strategy

CONTEST seeks to unite the public and private sectors, citizens and overseas partners around the single purpose of leaving no safe space for terrorists to recruit or act. CONTEST's overarching aim is to reduce the risk to the UK and its citizens and interests overseas from terrorism, so that our people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

The CONTEST strategy framework has four strands:

- ❑ **Prevent:** to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.
- ❑ **Pursue:** to stop terrorist attacks.
- ❑ **Protect:** to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack.
- ❑ **Prepare:** to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack.

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 (section 26) places a statutory duty on certain bodies (local authorities, schools (including higher and further education), the health sector, prisons, probation and the police) in the exercise of their functions to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

## Our approach

The North East Lincolnshire Prevent, Protect & Prepare Strategy builds on our previous work of engaging with communities and local stakeholders as we acknowledge that cohesive and empowered communities are better equipped to reject extremist ideologies. As the threat from extremists in this country and abroad evolves we must also evolve and ensure our approach moves into the digital age, being vigilant around web based activity that leads to extremism.

We will continue to raise awareness, working with key stakeholders to ensure every opportunity is maximised to identify vulnerable individuals who are susceptible to radicalisation and provide the necessary support through our local Channel arrangements.

The driving force for this work are the MAPP and the PaPG who lead and coordinate the development and delivery of effective local partnership activity across North East Lincolnshire regarding counter terrorism activity. The MAPP ensures compliance with the duties set out in the Prevent Duty Guidance (as set out in the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015) whilst implementing the recommendations arising from the annual Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP). The PaPG is an emerging group looking to ensure the safety of publicly accessible locations and implementation of any duties arising from the forthcoming Protect Duty.

## Local strategy

North East Lincolnshire's MAPP and PaPG each have dynamic action plans which support the key strategic objectives of:

1. **Governance and leadership**, ensuring effective governance arrangements are in place and pertinent information is provided to key strategic leadership boards and organisations.
2. **Raising awareness** around Prevent and Protect within local communities and with local stakeholders to ensure that people know how

and where to report any concerns they may have at the earliest opportunity and ensure they know what action to take in the event of an attack.

3. **Challenging the ideology** that supports terrorism and those who promote it through effective Communications.
4. **Supporting and protecting vulnerable individuals** from being drawn into radicalisation through effective multi-agency Channel arrangements.
5. **Ensuring effective partnerships** are in place to support the delivery of the Prevent, Protect and Prepare Strategy and associated action plans.
6. **To provide a joined-up approach** to security consistent with current national guidance and standards to keep our communities safe and feeling safe.
7. **To enhance and support protective security** and preparedness at publicly accessible locations within North East Lincolnshire, mitigating risk and improving capability to respond to current and emerging threats.

These seven areas are underpinned by the following:

## Fulfilling local and national responsibilities

- ❑ Delivering the recommendations contained within the Counter Terrorism Local Profile.
- ❑ Fulfilling the statutory duty as set out in the national Prevent Duty Guidance.
- ❑ Fulfilling the statutory duty around the Protect strand of the CONTEST Strategy.

## Training

- ❑ Develop a programme of training for frontline services likely to identify individuals at risk of becoming radicalised victims to enable timely recognition and referral.
- ❑ Ensure mechanisms for early referral of individuals of concern are clear and understood.

## Community awareness and engagement

- ❑ Develop a community awareness and communications programme (including young people, voluntary sector and local business) which is responsive and relevant to the context of the local area.

## Support for vulnerable individuals

- ❑ Ensure multi-agency plans are in place for individuals who require support via the Channel programme.

## Prevent champions

- ❑ Developing the role of the Prevent champions to enable them to act as a conduit between the partnership and frontline staff, sharing information and best practice activity.

## Effective information sharing

- ❑ We will make sure that information sharing is undertaken appropriately, proportionately and effectively to ensure that the threat of radicalisation is minimised across North East Lincolnshire

## Evaluation, review and monitoring

The implementation of this strategy will be overseen by the MAPP and PaPG within North East Lincolnshire and will be reviewed annually. Performance will be monitored through regular updates to North East Lincolnshire Council Communities Scrutiny Panel and via the Safer NEL Board arrangements which oversee child and adult safeguarding and community safety.



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