



## **WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

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### **Prevent Update**

The PCC is 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. This is an obligation under the Strategic Policing Requirement on all PCCs, as West Yorkshire Police is the lead force within the North East Counter Terrorism Unit (NE CTU), the PCC has lead oversight for the region. Work has been ongoing recently to improve collaboration across the North East PCCs with a particular focus on our collective ability to counter terrorism and organised crime.

- 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, this incorporates terrorism and consequently that officer has built up strong working relations with staff at the NE CTU including the Prevent team.
- As part of this joint working and oversight, the OPCC has been involved in establishing a working group which is focused on “mainstreaming Prevent practice across the rest of the organisation”.
- Other work includes coordinating discussions with the regional PCCs at the NE CTU around the issues and pressures being placed upon the unit and the options for collaborative work between PCCs around these.
- In addition to the work with the police, the OPCC has also begun to plan a series of public consultation opportunities in relation to the new Prevent duty which will not only focus on the police’s delivery of Prevent but the wider public sector and community work.
- A representative from the OPCC has also recently attended a national conference 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 supported a range of projects through the Safer Communities Fund which are focused on anti-radicalisation, community cohesion and protecting the vulnerable. The fund will continue to use money seized under the Proceeds of Crime Act to support communities.

The new Police and Crime Plan which will set the direction for policing and community safety in West Yorkshire over the next 5 years will not only include meeting the Strategic Policing Requirement as a priority but will also include radicalisation as a separate priority too. The extensive consultation carried out to inform the Plan shows a need to not only ensure that we can respond to terrorist attacks when they happen but also prevent people from being drawn into terrorism in the first place, which is predominately done through the Prevent strategy. The attached paper, provides a brief update on West Yorkshire Police and the NE CTU’s progress in delivering Prevent.