

Bradford Prevent work undertaken in the Bradford West area in the past year

Prevent Education

Staff Prevent Training is offered and undertaken in schools in the Bradford West area- details of exactly where are sent to the Home Office every quarter. Feedback is taken after every session and shared with the Prevent team, the PAG, CONTEST and Home Office and in our yearly Overview and Scrutiny report. Help and guidance is also offered with related policy and strategy. Our Prevent Education Officer is new in post and formerly worked at Bradford College, so is ideally placed to continue this excellent work.

All schools in Bradford West are able to access an excellent bank of resources for free to develop student resilience against extremist narratives. These are differentiated according to setting. The resources have been developed by teachers and feedback is regularly sought and acted upon to enhance them. The resources inform about Prevent and extremism risk in the area. They build up an awareness of fake news, conspiracy theories and online risks and build up resilience to these. Staff and pupil feedback is very positive.

Our Prevent related projects have a focus on young people and one of our Projects- Oddarts-works in schools and uses a drama format to discuss issues related to extremism. This has outstanding feedback and is a regular feature of our Prevent Bid.

Feedback from staff and pupils is consistently excellent on our Prevent Education Officer training. Staff appreciate the depth of information on risk and the specific resources that are provided to aid teaching that builds resilience to extremist narratives and critical thinking. DSLs in schools regularly feedback that they appreciate the help of the PEO in creating Prevent policy and strategies related to it.

Projects

Bradford Hate Crime Alliance

Individuals anonymity is preserved. BHCA works with those who are not working with Channel but are seen to need some extra support to reduce vulnerability. They are currently working with three young men of school age and two young women of school age, as well as one older male- all in the Bradford West area.

Issues discussed include racism and homophobia, freedom of expression and consequences of actions, internet safety, identity and digital footprint. Sessions were undertaken individually and gave each person the opportunity to explore these issues in a safe environment and look at their impact in more depth. The purpose is to reduce the risk that they may pose in the future. They continue to attend the sessions and to participate fully.

Supplementary Schools Against Radicalisation

Workshops and sessions have been held in 6 mosques/ madrassas in Bradford West.

Staff sessions: 68 staff across the settings

Student sessions: 165 attendees, boys and girls

Most madrasas had their summer holidays during August and now that they have reopened sessions will commence.

Feedback has been excellent from staff and students. Those partaking acknowledge that they are now more aware of what Prevent is, what the current risks are and how they can protect against these risks.

The Manningham Mills Sports and Community Association

These have yet to undertake sessions in the Bradford West area.

Further Training in the area

We have undertaken Prevent training at the following places so that staff are aware of the extremism risks in their areas, signs of someone in need of support, the support available locally and how to refer to be considered for this:

Mears Housing

Ward Officers

Bradford City FC staff

Domestic Violence staff team

NHS safeguarding staff

Elected members training

LA Safeguarding Adults

Refugee and Asylum staff

Probation staff

Various children's homes in the area- Willows, Hollies, Barker End, Skyview, Hollybank.

Cadet training

We are also having Prevent displays in libraries across the District, including Bradford West. This information will link with the Council's Make Sure It Adds Up campaign and will stress the importance of checking stories and thinking critically before sharing something.

Qualitative v Quantitative information

While we send specific details every Quarter to the Home Office on the numbers of institutions and people we have trained, this is very much a quantitative measure. We feel that it is more important to look at the impact of such work. It is hard to show this, as the nature of our work means that progress is shown in the things that don't happen, rather than the things that do. We therefore think that feedback is vital, so we understand how our work has affected those who have undertaken it. Feedback is taken after every training session and after all project work. This is shared with our Prevent Advisory Group, the Home Office, Prevent Champions, yearly Overview and Scrutiny Committee report and informs our future Prevent planning. Our success is also indicated by the interest shown in our work by partners in the community. Youth groups, Religious groups, cultural societies, voluntary organisations, third sector partners, education providers are all part of our daily work and help us to plan community Prevent work.