

PWYLLGOR IECHYD A DIOGELWCH HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

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| DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING: | 13 November 2023 |
| TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT: | Update on CONTEST/PREVENT |
| CYFARWYDDWR ARWEINIOL: LEAD DIRECTOR: | Mandy Rayani, Director of Nursing, Quality and Patient Experience |
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Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)

Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

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SBAR REPORT

Sefyllfa / Situation

On the 9 February 2022, the National Threat Level set by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) was lowered from 'SEVERE' to 'SUBSTANTIAL', meaning an attack is likely. This threat level is still in place.

On the 18 July the UK Government published its updated Counter Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST 2023). This sets out several key developments: a domestic terrorist threat across the UK which is dominated by individuals or small groups acting outside of organised terrorist networks; a threat from Islamist terrorist groups based abroad that is persistent and has evolved; and the accelerating availability of new technologies and online platforms which provides both opportunity and risk to our counter-terrorism efforts.

CONTEST 2023 details how the UK's counter-terrorism response will adapt to the enduring and evolving threat from terrorism. The established CONTEST framework – **Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare** – remains a strong foundation upon which to base our counter-terrorism efforts, and the updated strategy highlights how we will continue to adapt and improve in an agile way across these pillars.

Cefndir / Background

This report has been prepared using information provided by Dyfed Powys Police and relates to the activity of PREVENT referrals for the County.

The Dyfed Powys Counter Terrorism Local Profile has not been updated since the previous version was presented to this Committee earlier in 2023. Therefore, this report focusses on the PREVENT activity within our region as well as highlighting changes to the PREVENT Duty.

What is the PREVENT programme?

The core mission of PREVENT is stopping people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The early intervention support provided by Prevent addresses the personal, ideological, and social factors which make people more susceptible to radicalisation.

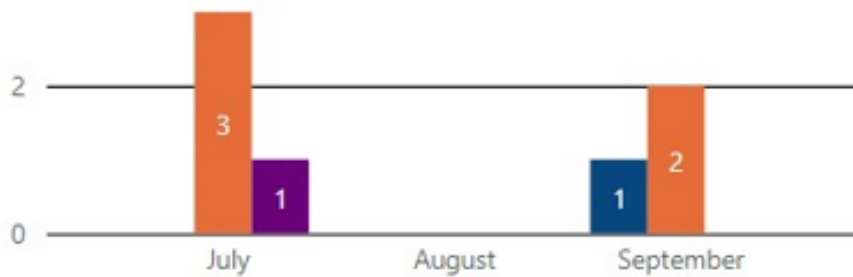
The programme works in partnership with front-line professionals such as teachers, healthcare practitioners, social workers, the police, charities and civil society, psychologists, community leaders and others. It deals with all forms of terrorism, including Islamist, extreme right-wing and a range of emerging threats.

A PREVENT referral can be made by anyone who is concerned that they, or someone they know, is susceptible to radicalisation or might be at risk of becoming involved in terrorism or supporting terrorism. This could be a family member, friend, colleague, or a professional.

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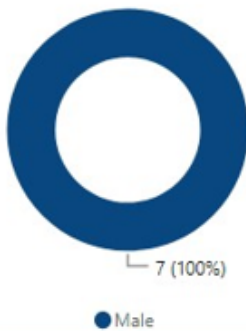
Data from Quarter 2 (July – September 2023)

Number of Prevent referrals by month

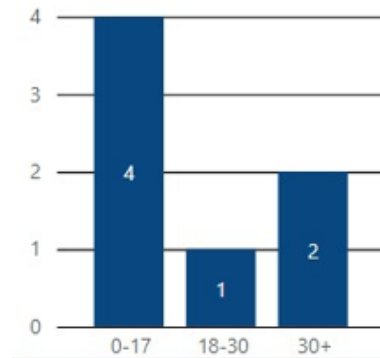


Seven referrals were received in Q2, a slight drop from eight in the previous quarter. Notably no referrals were received in August, likely due to the school Summer holidays. Pembrokeshire provided the majority of referrals this quarter with five (62.5%)

Gender

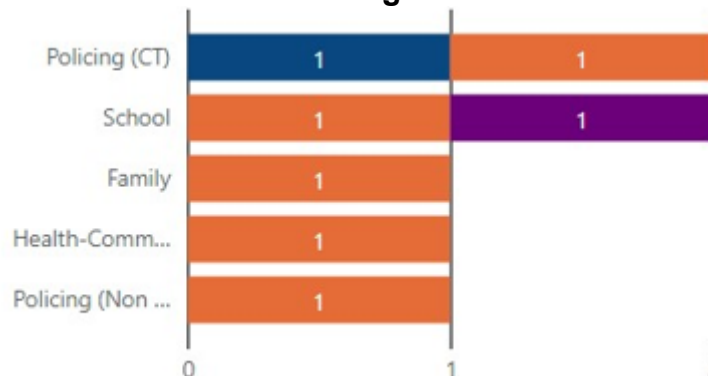


Age

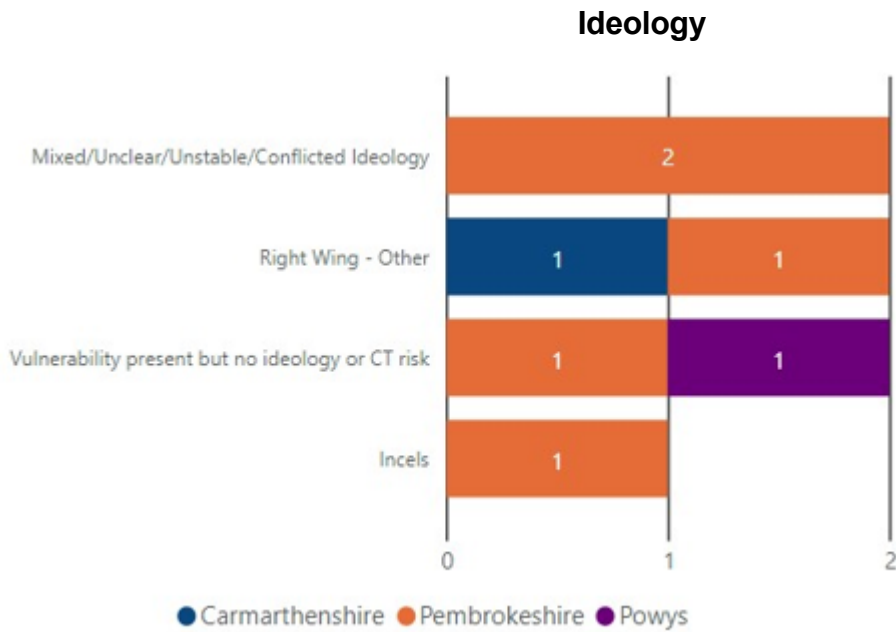


Analysis reveals all referrals were male, and 50% were in the 0-17yr age category.

Referral Originator



Counter Terrorism Policing and Schools contributed the majority of referrals in this quarter with two each.



Only three referrals had an identifiable ideology present. Right Wing accounted for two and one Incel. One referral did not have an ideology identified and further clarity is being sought from the originator regarding this.

PROTECT and PREPARE

Martyn’s Law

Following the series of stakeholder engagement workshops for Martyn’s Law, Home Office officials are now considering the feedback and requests made during the workshops.

Information was provided in terms of thinking around roles and responsibilities, a Competent Person’s Scheme and what that might look like, the expectation for testing and exercising of plans for both the standard and enhanced tiers, and the possibility of identifying/developing a capacity calculator that can replace the various different calculators that currently exist (for example Fire Regulations, Health and Safety etc.).

PREVENT

Independent Review of PREVENT

The William Shawcross Independent Review of PREVENT made 34 recommendations that were agreed by the UK Government in February 2023.

The UK Government has committed to implement the majority of recommendations within twelve months, to that end the Welsh Government is continuing to work with Home Office to ensure devolved areas of responsibility are acknowledged.

PREVENT Duty Guidance Refresh

A key expectation for the healthcare sector is to ensure that healthcare professionals are trained to recognise where a person might be susceptible to becoming radicalised into terrorism, know how to refer someone into PREVENT, and are aware of available programmes to provide support

The Guidance describes the need to have a programme to deliver PREVENT training, in line with guidance from the Home Office and Health Education England and that all relevant healthcare professionals should receive annual updates and three-yearly refresher training.

Currently no formal PREVENT awareness training is being delivered within the Health Board so this is one area that will prove challenging in terms of risk assessing which staff would require training, who would be best placed to deliver it and impact on staff training time.

Health Board Management and Reporting arrangements for CONTEST/ PREVENT

Health Board discussions are progressing with key stakeholders in relation to Executive portfolios and agreement as to the most appropriate operational leads for this ever increasing and varied agenda.

The commitment to CONTEST incorporates the PREVENT (Channel Panel) element which is primarily represented by the Safeguarding Team. The wider agenda now includes Serious Violence and Organised Crime, Serious Violence Duty, responsibilities under the Protect Duty, Community Safer Partnership. This includes commitment to representing the Health Board at both County and Regional Boards as well as identifying the most appropriate team to deliver or co-ordinate PREVENT awareness training.

It is recognised that a CONTEST/PREVENT Health Board action plan would be beneficial in defining what actions are necessary to comply with the latest guidance and this will be progressed by the Emergency Preparedness, Resilience & Response Group (EPRR).

Argymhelliad / Recommendation

The Health & Safety Committee is asked to:

- **NOTE** and discuss the update on CONTEST and **TAKE ASSURANCE** that Hywel Dda University Health Board is represented at County and Regional CONTEST Boards. Information and learning from these groups is fed back into the Health Board via the (EPRR) Group.

Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)

Objectives: (must be completed)

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| Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor: | 2.1 Provide assurance around the UHB arrangements for ensuring the health, safety, welfare and security of all employees and of those who may be affected by work-related activities, such as patients, members of the public, volunteers, contractors etc. |
| Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score: | N/A |
| Galluogwyr Ansawdd: Enablers of Quality: Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com) | 2. Culture and valuing people |

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| Parthau Ansawdd: Domains of Quality Quality and Engagement Act (sharepoint.com) | 2.1 Managing Risk and Promoting Health and Safety |
| Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives: | 1. Putting people at the heart of everything we do |
| Amcanion Cynllunio Planning Objectives | 2a Staff health and wellbeing |
| Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives: Hyperlink to HDdUHB Well-being Objectives Annual Report 2021-2022 | 4. Improve Population Health through prevention and early intervention, supporting people to live happy and healthy lives |

| Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information: | |
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| Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base: | Contained within the body of the report. |
| Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms: | Contained within the body of the report. |
| Partïon / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Ansawdd Iechyd a Diogelwch: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Health and Safety Committee: | Health and Safety Advisory Group |

| Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed) | |
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| Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service: | Not applicable. |
| Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care: | There is a positive impact on staff and patient safety, health and wellbeing through compliance with health and safety regulations. |
| Gweithlu: Workforce: | |
| Risg: Risk: | Risk to health and safety management |
| Cyfreithiol: Legal: | Health and Safety at Work Act |
| Enw Da: Reputational: | N/A |

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| Gyfrinachedd: Privacy: | N/A |
| Cydraddoldeb: Equality: | No evidence gathered to indicate a negative impact on any protected group/s |