

**PWYLLGOR IECHYD A DIOGELWCH  
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**

<b>DYDDIAD Y CYFARFOD: DATE OF MEETING:</b>	09 May 2023
<b>TEITL YR ADRODDIAD: TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	Update on Prevent - CONTEST CYMRU
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**Pwrpas yr Adroddiad (dewiswch fel yn addas)**

**Purpose of the Report (select as appropriate)**

Er Sicrwydd/For Assurance

**ADRODDIAD SCAA  
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.

**Cefndir / Background**

This paper has been prepared using information contained within the Dyfed Powys Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP). The CTLP is a document discussed at the Regional Contest Board in which Hywel Dda University Health Board is a key partner. This paper aims to provide an outline of the key threats, risks and vulnerabilities within Dyfed-Powys, between 1 January and 31 December 2022.

The CTLP is not designed to provide a complete assessment of extremist concerns, but seeks to raise awareness of current issues, providing information from which to determine priorities and support local Prevent delivery plans.

**Assesiad / Assessment**

**Key Messages**

**Little has changed in the current overall counter terrorism (CT) threat picture in Wales and in Dyfed-Powys during this reporting period.** Dyfed Powys Police (DPP) received a persistently low number of intelligence submissions throughout last year, meaning they are challenged in accurately articulating changes to the threat position in Wales and Dyfed-Powys.

**Any attack in the UK is likely to be conducted by a Self-Initiated Terrorist (S -IT) are assessed as a high strategic priority for Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP) Wales.** The broad definition of a S-IT, combined with the many pathways an individual maybe drawn to terrorism/radicalisation, means that identifying S-Its and understanding their motivations and triggers is complex and will remain a substantial long-term challenge for CTP Wales and partner agencies.

**Across all ideologies the online space continues to present a significant enabler and driver of the UK terrorism threat.** The future direction and the capability of this threat in Wales is difficult to assess and presents serious challenges. 47% of Prevent referrals received in Dyfed-Powys have 'Online' as the primary radicalising influence, by far the most prevalent identified factor.

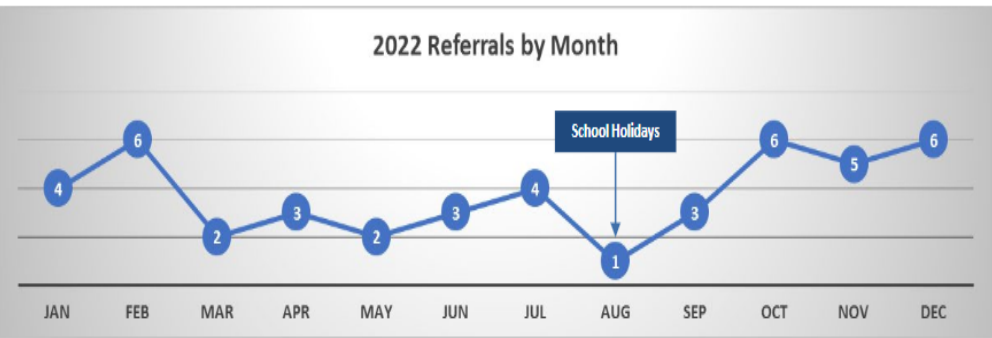
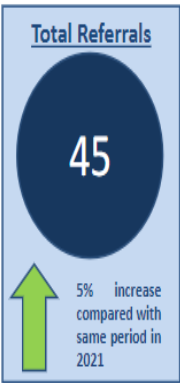
**The threat from Extreme Right Wing Terrorism (ERWT)** continues to be a strategic priority for CTP Wales. It has been assessed that the lack of a coherent ERW group or network in Wales means that the risk of a S-IT who is likely to have been inspired by the online environment, using low sophistication attack methodologies, constitutes the predominant threat to Wales and Dyfed-Powys

**Cultural and white nationalism remains the main form of ERW related activity in Dyfed-Powys, primarily manifesting itself in the form of public protests, graffiti, leaflet drops and banners associated with Patriotic Alternative Wales (PAW).** Whilst this activism does not meet the CTP threshold, it is recognised that such groups can have a direct impact on community cohesion and may provide a permissive environment for extremist beliefs to flourish.

**Dyfed-Powys received 45 Prevent referrals during this CTLP review period, representing a 7% increase over 2021 and the second consecutive year of increasing referral numbers.** Referrals categorised as Mixed/Unclear/Unstable/Conflicted ideology accounted for the highest proportion of referrals with 15 (33%). An overwhelming majority of these referrals are male (95%), with the majority (70%) aged under 21, highlighting that early intervention and full support is essential, particularly by schools and mental health services.

**Continued specialist measures have been provided at the key sensitive sites around the Milford Haven Waterway,** which includes the UK's largest energy port and the outage at South Hook Liquefied Natural Gas Terminal to protect against threats and espionage.

# Prevent Referrals in 2022 (1 January to 31 December 2022)



Dyfed-Powys received 45 referrals during this CTLP review period, compared with 43 referrals in the same period in 2021, which is a 5% increase and the second consecutive year of increasing referral numbers.

**Gender**

The vast majority of referrals were male (44 referrals, 98%).

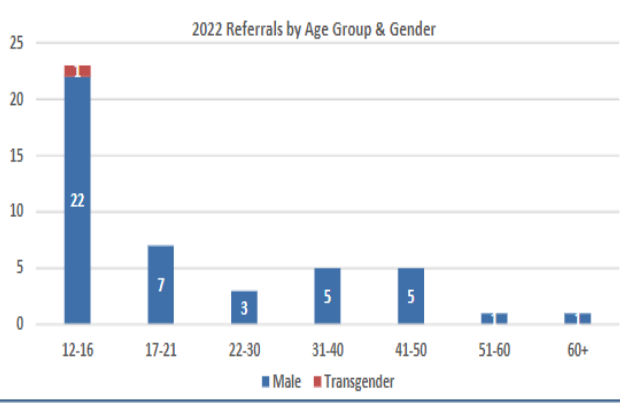
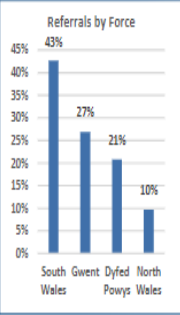
No female referrals have been received.

1 referral (2%) received for an individual identifying as transgender.

Despite the increase in Dyfed-Powys, Prevent referral numbers in Wales are persistently lower than other, comparable CTP regions of the UK. The reasons for this are currently unclear and subject of further examination by CTP Wales.

Of the four local authority areas, only Powys recorded fewer referrals in 2022 compared with 2021 – down from 10 to 9. Ceredigion (6) and Pembrokeshire (16) both remained stable, whilst Carmarthenshire saw an increase from 11 to 14. August saw the fewest number of referrals in 2022, likely attributable to the summer holidays causing a drop in the number of referrals made from schools and HE/FE.

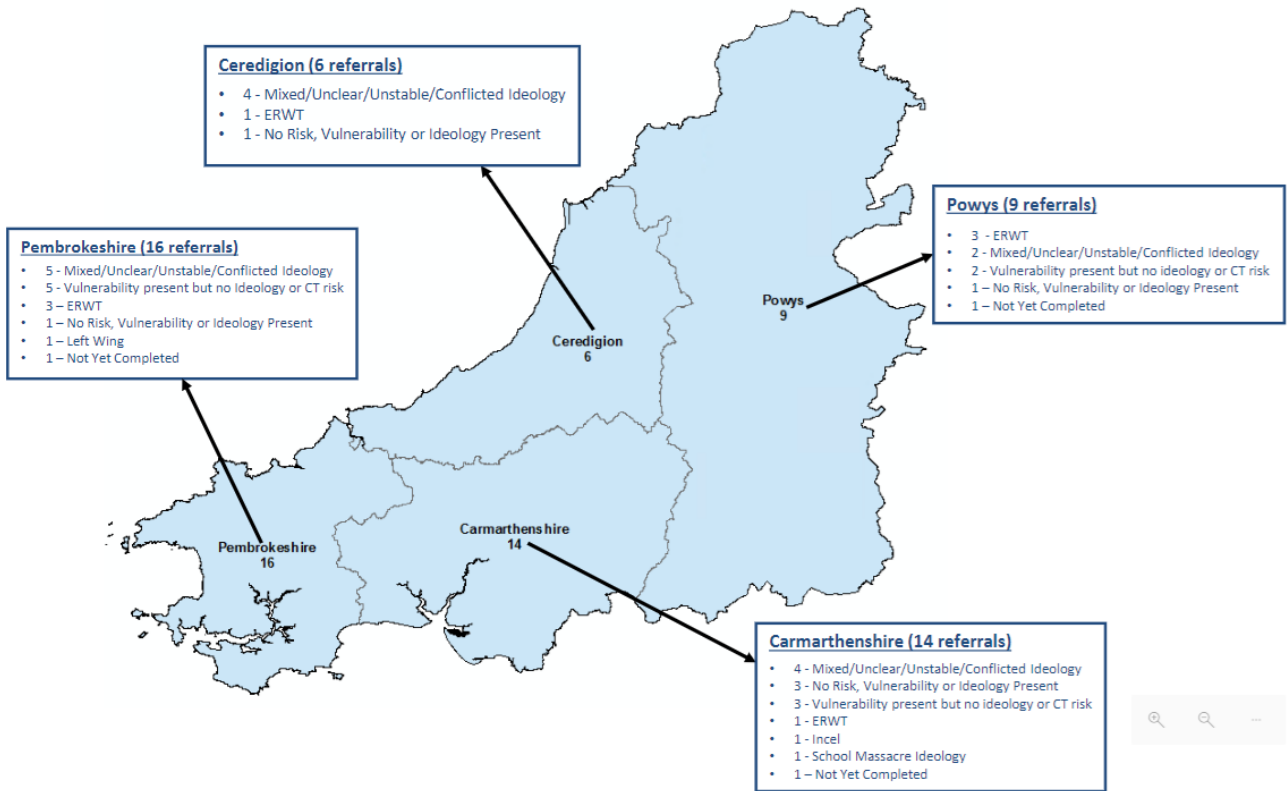
The above chart highlights that the highest number of referrals were received in February, October, and December. Higher referrals in October and February can be attributed to the education sector submitting 4 referrals and more diverse reporting sources with referrals from the local government, the public, policing and family.



Consistent with previous CTLP periods, the 12-16 age category provides the highest proportion of referrals with 23 (51%). 55% of referrals in this category were received from schools, whilst 32% presented a Mixed/Unclear/Unstable/Conflicted (MUU) ideology.

The last three months of the period saw a significant spike in the number of referrals in the 30+ age category with 7, accounting for over half the referrals in this category for the entire reporting period. Of these referrals 4 (60%) were categorised as MUU, and 40% as ERWT.

## Location of Prevent Referrals in 2022 (January – December 2022)



## Emerging Themes and Future Threats

- Andrew Tate – Far Right Extremism
- Stickers and Graffiti – Right Wing Extremism

### Andrew Tate – Misogyny and links to the Far Right

Recent media reporting has highlighted the violent, misogynistic messaging being distributed via apps and media channels such as TikTok, YouTube, Twitter and other similar channels.

One of the best known examples of this type of messaging is being distributed by Andrew TATE, a former kickboxer and Big Brother contestant, who is regarded as one of the best known individuals on TikTok, with a total of over 11 billion views of his material on the platform. Examples of the messaging being spread by TATE includes stating that women belong in the home and are the property of men; along with claims that rape victims should “bear responsibility” for their attacks.



Although banned from a number of social media platforms in August 2022 for violating their hate speech policies, these sites are still full of content linked to TATE, due to the number of copycat sites and pages that exist to amplify this content.

TATE’s media reach has also seen him appear in far right media circles, including praising Tommy Robinson (Stephen Yaxley Lennon) who both grew up in the same area of Luton, and TATE has talked of his association with other far right figures, such as Paul Watson and Jack Posobiec, both influential far-right figures in the United States. Additionally, TATE is also known to promote and espouse conspiracy theories, such as the New World Order within his content, and also repeats commonly held far-right positions on immigration matters.

TATE’s followers are young and predominately male, with the appeal of his personality and messaging linked to his method of presenting his views as “edgy”, and framing his narrative as an unpopular opinion that he is not afraid to voice out loud. This material then becomes normalised in the minds of young viewers, such as hatred for women, or for certain groups in society. Messaging is also interwoven with gameplay clips from Minecraft and other titles, to appeal to the young viewers who are the targets of the information.

TATE has managed to monetise his large social media following, via his “Hustler’s University” online course. This is marketed as a course to help followers create a life plan, and gain financial freedom through money making schemes, such as cryptocurrency, e-commerce schemes and trading stocks. The “University” is run through Discord, a social media application, and offers users a number of channels, relating to the online course content as well as banter and sharing of videos and other content.

There has been a significant increase the volume of pupils in schools and colleges identified as being influenced by TATE’s messaging since September 2022<sup>26</sup>, and this is likely to continue to increase, especially with significant uplift in media attention surrounding TATE following his arrest in Romania in December 2022 for sexual and human trafficking offences.

In Wales 6 Prevent referrals mentioning TATE were submitted during this CTLP period, two of which were received in Dyfed-Powys. Further analysis of the two referrals reveals both involved male teenagers spending large amounts of time online.


The current online activity of TATE does not meet the CT threshold and individuals expressing support or admiration for TATE does not, by itself, meet the threshold for a Prevent referral. However, the online messaging is likely to have some effect on local community cohesion, particularly among young persons within local schools and colleges.

## Stickers and Graffiti

This slide provides an overview of Dyfed-Powys incidents in relation to stickering, graffiti and banners between January and December 2022, which are linked to inflammatory or extreme ideologies, to highlight emerging vulnerabilities. Although such incidents may fall below the CTP threshold, these factors in combination with the continuing risk of online radicalisation, create an environment where views may go unchallenged among peers or within the local community. The below map is a non-exhaustive but representative list of such incidents.

**Ceredigion<sup>37</sup>**

- Swastika graffiti in Victoria Park, Cardigan with comments "Hitler my cariad [my love] xxx", Swastika and 88 painted on vehicle outside care home in Lampeter and a swastika drawn in chalk on the pavement in Cardigan.
- PA have distributed anti-immigration pamphlets throughout Ceredigion as well as attending the top of Pen Dinas, Aberystwyth holding a banner stating "Leave history alone" and "Gadewch hanes i fod [Welsh translation]."
- A letter stating, "Dim mw y dai Haf. to a holiday home in Aberystwyth."




**Powys<sup>38</sup>**

- PA have distributed anti-immigration pamphlets throughout Powys.
- Swastika sticker placed on an anti-covid poster in Montgomery, Powys.


**Pembrokeshire<sup>39</sup>**

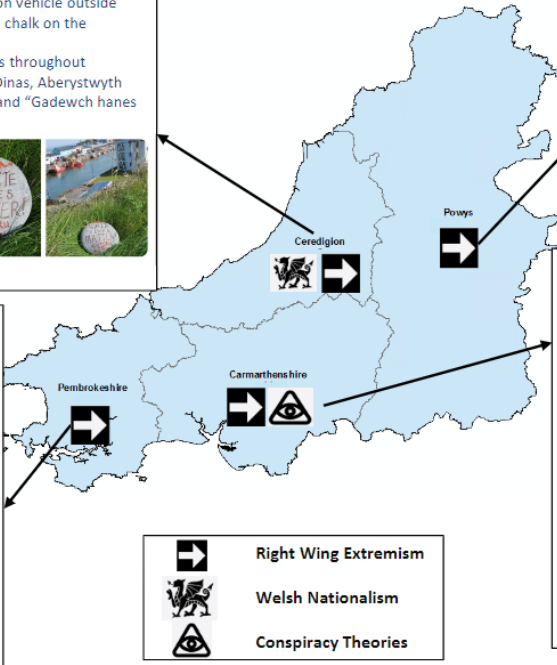
- Ukrainian flags torn down and replaced with a poster stating "Nazi sympathiser", in Hermon, Pembrokeshire.
- Swastika has been painted on the side of building within a children's park in Haverfordwest.
- PA have distributed anti-immigration pamphlets throughout Pembrokeshire.
- PA banner drop at castles in Pembrokeshire and a sign drawn in sand in Tenby which read "we were never asked" in reference to immigration.





**Carmarthenshire<sup>40</sup>**


- Swastika painted on a footbridge in Betws Park, Ammanford<sup>53</sup>.
- PA have distributed anti-immigration pamphlets throughout Carmarthenshire.
- PA banner drop at castles in Carmarthenshire which included the words "Built by Britons" and "White Lives Matter".
- Anti-vaxx leaflets distributed outside vaccination centre in Llanelli as well as a leaflet drop by PA in outside Nia Griffiths', MP office.





  
**Right Wing Extremism**

  
**Welsh Nationalism**

  
**Conspiracy Theories**

## Argymhelliad / Recommendation

For the Health & Safety Committee to note and discuss the Update on CONTEST and to seek assurance that HDUHB is represented at County and Regional Contest Boards. Information and learning from these groups is fed back into the Health Board via the Emergency Preparedness, Resilience & Response (EPRR) Group.

### Amcanion: (rhaid cwblhau)

#### Objectives: (must be completed)

Committee ToR Reference: Cyfeirnod Cylch Gorchwyl y Pwyllgor:	<p>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.</p> <p>3.7 Provide assurance that robust and effective safety management systems are in place operationally to deliver the Health Board's health, safety and security objectives and fulfil its statutory duties.</p>
Cyfeirnod Cofrestr Risg Datix a Sgôr Cyfredol: Datix Risk Register Reference and Score:	Not applicable
Safon(au) Gofal ac Iechyd: Health and Care Standard(s):	<p>2.1 Managing Risk and Promoting Health and Safety</p> <p>2.7 Safeguarding Children and Safeguarding Adults at Risk</p>

Nodau Gwella Ansawdd: Quality Improvement Goal(s):	Focus On What matters To Patients, Service Users, Their Families and Carers, and Our Staff
Amcanion Strategol y BIP: UHB Strategic Objectives	2. Living and working well.
Amcanion Llesiant BIP: UHB Well-being Objectives:	10. Not Applicable

<b>Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol: Further Information:</b>	
Ar sail tystiolaeth: Evidence Base:	Not applicable
Rhestr Termiau: Glossary of Terms:	Contained within the body of the report.
Partion / Pwyllgorau â ymgynhorwyd ymlaen llaw y Pwyllgor Iechyd a Diogelwch: Parties / Committees consulted prior to Health and Safety Committee:	Not applicable

<b>Effaith: (rhaid cwblhau) Impact: (must be completed)</b>	
Ariannol / Gwerth am Arian: Financial / Service:	Not applicable
Ansawdd / Gofal Claf: Quality / Patient Care:	Not applicable
Gweithlu: Workforce:	Not applicable
Risg: Risk:	Potential risk to health and safety of staff
Cyfreithiol: Legal:	Not applicable
Enw Da: Reputational:	Not applicable
Gyfrinachedd: Privacy:	Not applicable
Cydraddoldeb: Equality:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Has EqIA screening been undertaken? No</li> </ul>