

# Prevent

Supporting people at risk of being radicalised

# What is Prevent?

- **Prevent** is part of the British Government's programme for tackling terrorism and is focused on trying to stop people being drawn into terrorism
- **Prevent** is about identifying people who are vulnerable to being exploited, groomed or radicalised by a terrorist organisation BEFORE they actually get involved or commit a terrorist act
- **Prevent** takes a 'safeguarding' approach to such people and tries to help them to choose a different path through mentoring and support
- Safeguarding people from radicalisation is no different from protecting them from any other form of abuse

# Prevent in the NHS

- As someone working in the NHS you come into contact with a lot of people; patients, visitors and or colleagues some of whom might be at risk of radicalisation
- You would be expected to tell someone if you have safeguarding concerns about anyone you come into contact with and this is no different.
- Because **Prevent** sits under safeguarding, you can contact any member of the adult or children's safeguarding team for if you want to raise a concern.
- People may be vulnerable to being radicalised because of:
  - Mental health issues or difficult life experiences
  - Events at home or abroad that alienate them from mainstream society
  - Involvement with crime or criminals

# Signs to look out for

- There is no single profile of someone who is being groomed, but some of the signs are:
- Changes in behaviour
  - Withdrawing from normal activities, possession of extremist literature, becoming fixated on certain ideas or political beliefs, increased aggression
- Changes in views or interests
  - A conviction that their religion or belief is under threat or being treated unjustly, using language that supports “us and them” thinking, expressing anger or hatred towards particular mainstream or minority groups, a loss of interest in previous activities or friends
- A change in appearance
  - Changing dress or style to accord with a new group, possession of materials, tattoos or symbols associated with an extremist cause

# What you need to do

- Notice
  - Use your knowledge and judgement so that you will be aware of people who might be at risk of being groomed or radicalised
- Check
  - Talk to colleagues and if possible people who know the person to see if you can get any more information
- Share
  - Share your concerns with your manager or the safeguarding team