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Summary	This update on Prevent delivery will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an update on the revised Barnet Prevent Risk Assessment • an Update on Prevent case management • an update on training delivery 	

1. Introduction

- 1.0 In December 2017, the Barnet Prevent Strategy (2017-2020) was launched with the following overriding objective:

‘to keep the people of Barnet safe by accurately identifying people vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism and/or violent extremism and to safeguarding children and adults by providing early intervention to protect and divert people away from being drawn into terrorist activity’

- 1.1 This report will specifically update the Safer Community Partnership Board on the following:

- Overview of the Barnet Prevent risk assessment and revised Action Plan.
- Update on Barnet Channel Casework.
- Performance in relation to Prevent training delivery.

2. Barnet Counter Terrorism Risk Assessment

- 2.1 The Prevent Coordinator and Prevent Education Officer have developed a revised Barnet Radicalisation and Counter Terrorism Risk Assessment document and Action Plan. A consultation process was undertaken to inform the development of the risk assessment, whereby a questionnaire proposed by SO15 command was shared widely with local partners and members of the Prevent Delivery Group. Responses were considered and included within Barnet’s submission to SO15 command for this year’s London North CTLP, and in the production of the Barnet Risk Assessment document. The Risk Assessment was then presented to the Barnet Prevent Delivery Group on 26/09/2019 and approved. The accompanied Action Plan has been revised incorporating the key actions highlighted in the risk assessment as necessary to mitigate each identified area of risk.
- 2.2 These documents will be reviewed annually, and immediately as and when necessary following any significant change in risk. The documents will inform and drive the implementation of Prevent delivery within Barnet from 2020 to 2024, in line with the Barnet Corporate Plan 2019-2024 which includes the objective of Barnet hosting “safe and strong communities where people get along well” with a commitment to “preventing radicalisation”.

- 2.3 The local Prevent Risk Assessment and Action Plan documents have been presented to the Council Management Team and the Prevent Coordinator will meet with each of the directors within the local authority in January and February to ensure that the risk assessment is agreed and understood and that each workstream lead will ensure implementation of relevant actions.

3. Update on Prevent Case Management Performance (30 March 2019)

- 3.1 Channel is a voluntary programme which focuses on providing support and early intervention to safeguard children and adults identified as being at risk of being drawn into terrorism or extremism by:

- Identifying the individuals at risk
- Assessing the nature and extent of that risk, and;
- Developing the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.

The Channel Panel is a multi-agency panel. Panel members act as SPOCs (Single Points of Contact) for their organisations. As such they will be expected to raise awareness around this agenda within their work areas and they provide advice and guidance to practitioners within their organisation.

- 3.2 The Barnet Channel Panel has consistent participation from the Barnet SO15 Police Team, Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH), CCG Adult Safeguarding Lead and the Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust Prevent Lead staff.
- 3.3 Eleven Channel Panel meetings were held in 2020 with high levels of attendance from all partner agencies.

4. Performance on the training of Council Staff and Partnership

- 4.1 The Prevent Multi-Agency Action Plan outlines the statutory duty to provide training to ensure that Barnet Safeguarding and Partnership staff can recognise signs that an individual may be vulnerable to being radicalised, and able to respond appropriately to reduce that risk. The Workshop to Raise Awareness of Prevent (WRAP) provides information and guidance that enables staff to fulfil their duties within the Prevent Duty.
- 4.2 Barnet Council has embarked on a refreshed programme of training using the Home Office WRAP3 module. The refreshed programme of training delivery was launched in December 2017.
- 4.3 Due to the need to safeguard those individuals most vulnerable, the training

rollout has focused initially on frontline safeguarding staff within Family Services and Adults and Communities Services including our Mental Health practitioners. In 2018 and 2019, training delivery was expanded to include other relevant workstreams and relevant partnership agencies who deliver services to vulnerable people in Barnet.

- 4.4 Table 1 below highlights progress in delivery of WRAP sessions across local authority departments between 01 January 2018 (when the WRAP training programme was launched) and 31 December 2020.

Table 1

Responsible department/organisation	Number of Staff requiring training	Number of staff trained	Number of WRAP3 sessions delivered between Jan 2018 and Dec 2020
Children and Family Services	487 total	212 (44%)	39
Adults and Communities	290 total work force	261 (90%)	28
Corporate Anti-Fraud Team	15 total	15 (100%)	1
Regional Enterprise (RE)	169	53 (31%)	2
Barnet Homes	195 staff	65 (33%) Staff trained	
Partnership	September 2019: Two sessions were delivered to teams in the National Probation Service	Sessions were attended by 18 staff across both organisations and feedback received was positive.	Training is being offered to Barnet MIND and the Barnet Violence Against Women and

	<p>and London CRC who deliver Probation Services in Barnet.</p> <p>A WRAP training session was delivered to the VAWG operational group in January 2019.</p> <p>Training delivered to Westminster Drugs Project (WDP) Barnet MENCAP, The National Probation Service and London CRC teams based in Barnet in 2018.</p>	<p>74 frontline staff and managers were trained across these organisations.</p>	<p>Girls (VAWG) network.</p>
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- 4.6 The Prevent Coordinator delivers monthly training sessions which is offered to all local authority staff and partnership staff operating in the local authority. In addition, the Prevent Coordinator and Prevent Education Officer deliver sessions arranged by the Family Services Workforce Development Team for new starters and for specific teams within Family Services. The Prevent Coordinator also delivers sessions to staff in other workforce streams such as Barnet Homes, Regional Enterprise and the Corporate Anti-Fraud team when requested.
- 4.7 The Prevent Education Officer (PEO) delivers Prevent training to Primary and Secondary schools in Barnet and provides regular advice on Prevent issues to designated safeguarding leads and other teaching staff.
- 4.8 The Prevent Coordinator has provided training to the National Probation Service and London Community Rehabilitation Company operational teams in Barnet. Training has also been provided to the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Network and a Counter Terrorism briefing was provided to Barnet CCG by SO15 Police colleagues.
- 4.9 All NHS trusts and Barnet Enfield and Haringey Mental Health Trust deliver Prevent training internally to staff. The Prevent Coordinator has received confirmation that the Trusts are meeting their targets for training delivery.

- 4.10 The Prevent Coordinator has briefed the Chief Executive (September 2019) and Council Management Team (December 2019) on the Counter Terrorism Local Profile for 2019.

5. Consultation and Engagement

- 5.1 Regular consultation about the delivery of the Prevent Strategy takes groups takes place on an ongoing basis place with stakeholders. Some details are provided below:

- The Chief Executive Officer for Barnet has been engaged through quarterly briefing papers which have provided regular updates on delivery of the Prevent Action Plan.
- The Council Management Team have received quarterly updates on progress on Prevent delivery through update reports delivered to the Council Management Team (Assurance) meetings – formerly the Strategic Commissioning Board Assurance meetings.
- The Prevent Delivery Group has met quarterly and provided updates to the local Barnet partnership on Prevent and Community Engagement issues.

- 5.2 Annual Prevent update reports and briefings are provided to the following boards:

Board	Area of Focus	Frequency	2017-2018 Prevent updates
Barnet Council Management Team	Council progress on meeting duty	Bi-annual	Most recent update: 03 December 2019 Next Update March 2020
The Safer Communities Partnership Board	Partnership action and inter-agency working to respond to local risk	Annually	Most recent update: 26 July 2019 Next Update January 2020

The Children Safeguarding Board (Executive committee)	Safeguarding Children and educational services	Annually	Most recent update: 24 th January 2019 Next Update January 2020
The Health and Wellbeing Board	Mental health	Annually	Most recent update: 24 th January 2019 Next Update February 2020
The Adult Safeguarding Board	Vulnerable adults	Annually	Most recent update: 28 th February 2019 Next Update March 2020.

Background papers

- a. The Counter-Terrorism Strategy (CONTEST) 2018
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-terrorism-strategy-contest-2018>
- b. The Revised Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales (2015)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>
- c. Barnet Prevent Strategy (2017 to 2020)
<https://www.barnet.gov.uk/citizen-home/housing-and-community/community-safety/radicalisation.html>
- d. Counter Extremism Strategy (2018)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counter-extremism-strategy>
- e. Building a Stronger Britain Together
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/building-a-stronger-britain-together>