

Office for Security & Counter Terrorism



Local Government Association Preventing Violent Extremism Conference

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OSCT established in 2007 to:

- Support the Home Secretary and other Ministers in developing, **directing, implementing and evaluating counter-terrorist strategy** (CONTEST) across Government.
- **Deliver aspects** of the counter-terrorism strategy directly e.g. legislation; policy on protective security and CT Policing; technical programmes.
- **Facilitate oversight** of Security Service / police counter-terrorist operations in the UK and manage CT related crises.

- Aim: **to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from international terrorism** so that people can go about their daily lives freely and with confidence.

- **Four workstreams:**
 - **Pursue:** Stopping Terrorist attacks
 - **Prevent:** Stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism.
 - **Protect:** Strengthening our protection against attack.
 - **Prepare:** Mitigating the impact of attacks.

- Workstreams address **threat** and **vulnerability**.

PREVENT: BACKGROUND



- **July 2007:** OSCT coordinate reappraisal of *Prevent* strategies, building on earlier PVE / PET initiative.
- **September 2007:** Approved by NSID(E).
- **Early 2008:** Approval of new programme and delivery plan.
- **Late 2008:** New CONTEST strategy.
- What's new on *Prevent*.
 - Evidence based **objectives related to causes;**
 - **More departments** involved;
 - **Clearer role for policing;**
 - Stronger emphasis on **local and international delivery;**
 - **Targets and indicators.**

PREVENT: OBJECTIVES



- 1. Undermine extremist ideology;** support mainstream voices
- 2. Disrupt those promoting violent extremism;** strengthen vulnerable institutions
- 3. Identify and support individuals** vulnerable to recruitment by violent extremists
- 4. Increase the resilience of communities** to engage with and resist violent extremists
- 5. Effectively address grievances, and;**
 - **Develop intelligence, analysis and evaluation**
 - **Strategic communications**

2005

2006

2007

PREVENT: CHALLENGES



- **Information distribution**; briefing; expertise and training.
- **Establishing best practice** on key objectives (2/3).
- Including **missing stakeholders (health, workplace, migration)**
- The **knowledge base**: missing pieces
- The **international agendas**: Pakistan/Bangladesh
- **Understanding impact** : indicators and metrics

- **Information protocol:** new products for new readers
- **Web based learning** and sharing; more training / briefing
- **Develop national and local indicators**
- Mature **local delivery structures:** more often/more departments
- Close **liaison with international counterparts;** larger role for FCO and DfID.

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