

PREVENT Annual Assurance Return Questions 2023 – Health

The PREVENT Duty under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 requires all specified authorities to have “due regard to the need to PREVENT people from being drawn into terrorism”. Your sector and their partners have a core role to play in countering terrorism and helping to safeguard individuals at risk of radicalisation and are therefore essential to the success of the programme.

National security and counter-terrorism are reserved functions, and as such the PREVENT Duty is established by the UK Parliament who oversee delivery in Scotland. However, the functions responsible for the delivery of PREVENT in Scotland are all devolved. As a result of this, there is a key role for Scottish Ministers who are consulted with regard to statutory guidance for PREVENT and in holding to account and supporting devolved functions in the delivery of PREVENT, despite the Scottish Government not being a specified authority under the Act.

In Scotland, PREVENT delivery is overseen and supported by the Safeguarding and Vulnerability Team (SVT) at the Scottish Government. This team not only is the point of contact with the UK Government regarding delivery in Scotland, but administers the governance arrangements of PREVENT in Scotland and provides support for practitioners across all specified authorities in Scotland.

Your input is essential to ensuring PREVENT is delivered appropriately by assessing local risk, supporting successful interventions through PMAP, building trust with communities, and ensuring sectors are aware of how and when to make a referral. Sharing best practice across sectors – whether via regional networking events, PREVENT governance structures, written communications/ newsletters - has been vital to the continuous improvement of delivery, helping practitioners share innovative projects, unblock barriers to success and reduce the risk of radicalisation in our communities. To extend this drive for continuous improvement, SVT have developed a PREVENT Annual Assurance Process. By now, you will have already completed the PREVENT Assurance Toolkit for your sector. The second phase of this assurance process is the completion of this PREVENT Annual Assurance Return.

The purpose of the initiative is to: illustrate what successful PREVENT delivery looks like; identify good working practice; proactively identify risk and areas for improvement; improve the quality of feedback to all sectors; and enable us to tailor our support throughout the year to sectors. We recognise the need to be thoughtful and considerate when conducting this work. Local barriers, resources, competing priorities and what constitutes as a proportionate response to risk are all important factors to consider when any assessments are conducted.

When completing this form, you will be asked to RAG rate your organisations level of compliance. Where your response is 'Green' please use the text box to detail examples of good working practices within your organisation. Where you select 'Amber' or 'Red' to the question, please use the text box to state any areas identified where additional focus may be required.

Examples of areas of good practice have also been highlighted in asterisks. These are areas which we believe would be beneficial for sectors to have in place but are not stipulated within the PREVENT Duty Guidance. Please use this area to detail any good working practices you have implemented within your organisation.

Senior sign off on this assurance statement is required for your organisation. This will confirm that this document provides an accurate assessment of compliance with PREVENT requirements for the financial year 2022/23.

Please note, return date for this form is 19th June 2023.

If you have any questions regarding this form, please email catherine.anderson@gov.scot

	GREEN	AMBER	RED	COMMENTS
Key area of Focus 1- Leadership				
1) There is active engagement from the Chief Executive and corporate senior management team with the range of PREVENT partners including Police.			x	The Director portfolios have recently changed, and a meeting is being arranged with relevant staff to discuss PREVENT.
2) A PREVENT Single Point of Contact (SPOC) has been appointed for the Health Board. This lead understands what is entailed in and has capacity to perform this role, and SVT have been provided with their name and contact details.			x	<p>The PREVENT lead/SPOC for NHSB has recently retired.</p> <p>The meeting above will re visit and agree governance structure/roles and responsibility within NHSB going forward.</p> <p>Interim information Re SPOC available on NHSB PREVENT intranet page.</p> <p>Once roles decided, works will commence to ensure a greater awareness of role of SPOC across services (link to training).</p>
3) Health Boards' arrangements for delivering PREVENT effectively link into those in place for child and adult protection. Chief Executives liaise with their Local Authority counterparts and advise Chief Officers of the local Health and Social Care Partnerships how to discharge the duty on their behalf and to report on performance.		x		<p>Established processes in place.</p> <p>Chief Executive/New Director arrangements to be confirmed.</p> <p>There is information on NHSB intranet and within procedures regarding how to escalate CP/ASP concerns within NHSB and when concerns need to be raised with external agencies.</p>

				<p>There is a specific PREVENT NHSB intranet page, this will need refreshing by the new Director.</p> <p>PREVENT responsibilities are linked to into those in place for Child and Adult Protection although there are opportunities to further develop this.</p> <p>PREVENT Guidance and procedures are in place, which are complied with, re CP and ASP adults and available on the intranet.</p>
4) In view of their responsibilities for prison healthcare services, it is expected that the Health Board Chief Executives will inform prison governors of their PREVENT plans and fully engage prison healthcare staff in relevant training and development activities.	x			Not applicable NHSB does not have any prisons within the region.
5) A strategic sector lead for your sector is an active member of the PREVENT sub-group. The health SPOC is aware of who this strategic sector lead is and engages with them as necessary in the first instance for advice or guidance on any PREVENT related concerns and provides relevant updates to be fed into the Sub-Group by the strategic sector lead on their behalf.	x			<p>NHSB has representation at</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - East Region CONTEST meeting - PREVENT SPOC Network
6) *Additional good practice* Is the SPOC engaged with networks as a means of obtaining support for PREVENT delivery? Eg SPOC network, signed up to Knowledge Hub.	x			Current NHSB SPOC attends Health SPOC network
Key Area of Focus 2- Training				
1) Where there are signs that someone has been or is being drawn into terrorism, NHS staff are trained to recognise those signs correctly and are aware of and can locate available support, including making a referral, when necessary via their Health Boards PREVENT SPOC. The Health SPOC ensures that all relevant (frontline and non-frontline) staff are aware of their duty with regard to PREVENT.		x		<p>Currently all NHSB staff complete a Public Protection e-learning module which includes information about PREVENT and links to UK Home Office training.</p> <p>The current training arrangement does not allow NHSB to capture how many staff complete the UK Home Office training.</p>

				<p>Going forward assurance is required that staff members are receiving the appropriate level of PREVENT training and are confident in identifying suspected signs of radicalisation.</p> <p>Proposal to be presented to NHSB Training & Education Board, for UK Home Office training module to be added to internal e-learning platform. This will facilitate tracking of staff completing the training. As well as ensuring that all NHSB staff have access to relevant PREVENT awareness training commensurate to their role and responsibility.</p> <p>Alongside this a training implementation plan will be developed that details which staff need to be trained on PREVENT.</p>
2) *Additional good practice* Have you developed a training plan detailing what staff need to be trained on PREVENT and are linked into ongoing training/refresher opportunities for training for new and existing staff?			x	As above
Key Area of Focus 3- Referrals				
1) Where there are signs that someone has been, or is being drawn into terrorism, NHS staff are aware of the referral process within the health board and know to make a referral via their Health Board PREVENT SPOC.		x		<p>There is information available to staff on the intranet PREVENT and ASP/CP pages.</p> <p>There is a need to revisit staff awareness/knowledge of roles and responsibilities.</p>

2) *Additional good practice* Does your health board have the PREVENT SPOC's name and details and referral form on the organisations internal staff system? Are staff aware that it is there and know how to complete it?		x		Information on Intranet. Need assurance that staff aware and know how to complete it
Key Area of Focus 4- Information Sharing				
1) Staff understand how to balance patient confidentiality with the PREVENT duty. They know from whom they can get advice and support on confidentiality issues when responding to potential evidence that someone is being drawn into terrorism, either during informal contact or consultation and treatment. There are procedures both internally and externally for sharing information about vulnerable individuals (where appropriate to do so) in line with the Counter Terrorism Security Act 2015 which should be used as the basis of information sharing. This includes information sharing agreements where possible and/or deemed necessary.	x			PREVENT Multi agency information agreements in place, for reporting concerns and information sharing in line with Child and Adult Support and Protection.
Key Area of Focus 5- Partnership				
1) The Health Board demonstrates that they are engaged with a local Multi-Agency group and additional PREVENT groups where appropriate, to agree and coordinate PREVENT activity based on a shared understanding of the threat, risk and vulnerability in the area.	x			NHSB has representation on various groups
2) The Health Board has a PREVENT Action Plan agreed and in place with the actions reflected in the implementation plan. The action plan makes reference to existing policies, procedures and protocols.			x	Draft Policy in place awaiting approval by new Director before commences consultation period.
3) There are mechanisms for exception reporting to the PREVENT sub-group and for performance reporting to the NHS Scotland Chief Operating Officer who will represent NHS Scotland on the Strategic Contest Board for Scotland (SCBS).			x	An agreed process to be developed and added as an appendix to the policy
Key Area of Focus 6- Monitoring				
1) The Health Board has put appropriate arrangements in place to monitor the delivery and performance of their PREVENT Action Plan and any impact on other duties.			x	As above
Key Area of Focus 7- Commissioning and Procurement				
1) The PREVENT Duty is covered in contracts and grants made with and to any organisation (including private and voluntary agencies) performing a relevant function on the Health Board's behalf. The health boards procurement team are aware of their responsibilities under the PREVENT Duty.			x	Await instruction from new Director

Key Area of Focus 8- PMAP

1) The Health Board is 'PMAP ready' in the instance that a PMAP panel is established and their membership at that panel is required. The health SPOC is aware of who their local authority PREVENT SPOC and PMAP chair is.	x			Key staff have attended PMAP training. Multi-agency links in place.
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