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Prevent duty – Implications for Wolverhampton City Council

Local Authority Implications: Leadership	Current position	Areas for Development
Provide effective leadership, communication, ensuring staff capability and compliance with the duty.	Briefings held with Council Leadership teams, SEB and other forums as required. Councillor training delivered and well attended (March 2015); briefing note prepared for newly elected councillors.	Key communications messages to be developed in liaison with communications team. Further offer of training to be made to councillors who have not yet been trained.
Incorporate the duty into existing policies and procedures so it becomes part of day-to-day business; ensuring integration as part of existing safeguarding responsibilities.	Not currently reflected.	Corporate or service-specific policies to be revised – liaise with Policy team.
Revise contracts for newly contracted services to be compliant with the principles of the duty.	Not currently reflected. Discussion to be arranged with Legal Services and Procurement.	Liaise with Legal team
Local Authority Implications: Working in partnership		
Ensure arrangements for effective engagement with communities and community based organisations is in place.	Well-established Community Cohesion Forum and links with community forums are being strengthened.	To be taken forward with Prevent/Cohesion Officer once appointed.
Through the multi-agency forum, establish and implement an action plan to enable compliance and respond to identified risks.	Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) Delivery Plan already in place – currently too narrow in its focus.	Audit of current position being undertaken by agencies impacted by the duty. Revised multi-agency plan to be developed.
Use and help shape the CTLP to assess the risk to an area.	Limited intelligence/data used to inform CTLP.	Opportunity for systematic feed-in of intelligence/data across partners and communities. Possible data sources to be identified via audit and communications with community networks.
Work in partnership; to take a lead on establishing (or use an existing) appropriate forum to coordinate and monitor Prevent activity; ensuring links to safeguarding boards, Channel Panels and Youth Offending	Informal partner arrangements currently in place with 6 monthly progress report to SWP. Strong links already developed with safeguarding and Youth Offending Team; well-established Channel Panel in place.	Scoping meeting held with partners to gauge views on formal city-wide Board to drive Prevent/CONTEST. Standardisation of regional Channel Panels proposed via Counter Terrorism Unit (CTU) and statutory guidance issued.

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Teams.		
Local Authority Implications: Developing organisational capabilities		
Ensure frontline staff have a sound understanding of Prevent, an awareness of available support and how to access this.	CTLP briefing extended to include wider partners. Channel safeguarding event held March 2015. E-learning resource being developed with workforce development for Council roll out via Learning Hub July 2015.	Roll out of e-learning resource. Development of Council Prevent trainers across each Directorate. Guidance and referral details to be uploaded on Council intranet.
Ensure publicly owned venues and resources are not used as a platform for extremists; this includes appropriate use of IT filters on public access computers.	Limit to IT filters applied to public-access PC's. Guidance sought via CTU on use of appropriate filters.	Load IT filters across Council network once guidance received from Home Office.
Deliver staff training to ensure appropriate frontline staff (including contractors) have a good understanding of Prevent, are able to recognise vulnerability and are aware of how to refer to Channel.	Channel safeguarding event held March 2015. e-learning resource being developed with workforce development for Council roll out via Learning Hub. Prevent included within programme of safeguarding training.	Suggestion to include within safeguarding training programme and link to newly established Safeguarding in schools appointment.
Local Authority Implications: Sharing Information		
Share information appropriately in delivery of the Prevent duty.	Safeguarding principles apply.	To be included as part of communications.
Local Authority Implications: Monitoring & enforcement		
Extend the duty to those private and voluntary organisations providing services or exercising functions in relation to children (e.g. children's homes, fostering agencies).	Clarification needed on affected agencies.	Liaise with commissioning leads across Council services.
Understand the range of out of school settings in operation (e.g. supplementary schools, tuition centres) and take appropriate and proportionate steps to safeguard children attending these facilities.	Clarification needed on out of school settings.	Continue to liaise with School Improvement team to identify school support needs and develop capacity to respond.
Maintain appropriate records to show compliance with the duty.	Discussions needed on how best to capture this corporately.	