**Prevent “Safeguarding” Referral Pathway**

Prevent – To stop people supporting terrorism or becoming a terrorist.

 It is a multi agency approach to support individuals in a proportionate manner.

Below is a Referral pathway flowchart that you may wish to adopt:

Concern for child, adult or group is raised

If vulnerable person or other extremist concerns identified then safeguarding steps will be identified and followed.

Should the concern be of an extremist / radicalisation nature the Safeguarding Lead can follow your normal safeguarding procedures or contact the local Prevent Officer (PO) for advice

The concern is discussed

**Referral may then be made to Channel if deemed necessary;**

***Channel*** is an early intervention scheme that supports people who are at the risk of radicalisation and provides practical support tailored to individual needs. It is a multi-agency approach which allows the individual to gain support from a variety of different services.

**Preferred referral pathway**

Email your concern to *prevent@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk*

Contact your Local Authority Lead

Susan Powell

Susan.powell@westberks.gov.uk

For assistance with the Channel Process:

Shaun Greenough

Shaun.Greenough@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

School / social service Safeguarding Lead is informed of the concern

**Alternative referral pathways:**

All referrals to the Police are made and managed in confidence, however some individuals may wish to make a referral indirectly to the Police and below are other available referral pathways.

*To the generic Prevent Email box:*

Email concerns to *prevent@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk* .

This information will then be passed to the best person to deal with the information.

*To your Local Police Neighbourhood Team*:

Contact your local police neighbourhood team; they will be able to help you deal with a referral and give you the right support needed.

*To your local Police Schools Liaison Officer (Secondary/Academy schools):*

Each school has a Schools Liaison Officer; these individuals are also able to help support any referrals or concerns you may have.

*Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH):*

The aim of the MASH is to improve the way agencies work together to protect vulnerable persons(children and adults) from harm, neglect and abuse. This hub combines individuals from the Police, Health and Social Care (soon to include Education and Housing) and Mental Health. This multi-agency hub will assess referrals and link in as appropriate with Prevent to provide support.

**Other Pathways to Consider:**

*101:*

This is the non-emergency phone line to the Police

*999:*

999 calls should only be made in an emergency when there is an urgent case only; this means direct threat to the protection of life and property.

*Anti Terrorist Hotline:*

0800 789 321

www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-activity-to-mi5

*Report online terrorism:*

www.gov.uk/report-terrorism

