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Report of	CHIEF CONSTABLE
Subject	PREVENT AND COUNTERTERRORISM
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Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to update members on Prevent and counterterrorism.

Recommendation

2. Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Current position

3. The Police and Crime plan acknowledges that Prevent and Channel are National strategies and commits to work with partners to protect the vulnerable. Local delivery is coordinated through LLR's Prevent Steering Group.
4. The PSG is chaired by John Leach the Director of Communities and Enforcement at Leicester City Council and meets quarterly. Its membership consists of representatives of the specified authorities that are subject to the Prevent Duty, Local Authorities, Police, Prisons, Probation, Health and Education. The activity of the PSG is tracked through the Prevent Delivery Plan – appendix A
5. There is no evidence to suggest that Prevent impacts on day to day relations between the Police and the public. However there are issues with trust and confidence in the strategy nationally, that is also felt locally, particularly in Muslim communities. The Police Prevent team rely on Neighbourhood colleagues to advocate on their behalf, extend their reach and broker meetings.

6. Community referrals remain low and frequently are disclosed as part of an existing grievance for example family break ups. Research suggests that the public are unlikely to make direct approaches to Prevent or report concerns via the Anti-Terrorism Line. The public are more likely to make phased disclosures via a community intermediary and local police. [Community Reporting Thresholds: Full Report - Centre for Research and Evidence on Security Threats](#)
7. Women's group have criticised engagement for focusing on men and ignoring their voices.
8. Youth engagement with those groups most at risk of radicalisation is problematic. There are well organised campaigns that target young people with anti-Prevent messaging eg Students not Suspects NUS campaign.
9. There are groups that actively seek to undermine confidence in Prevent and propagate an exaggerated grievance narrative, such as CAGE and to a lesser extent MEND. There is evidence that families' of Prevent referrals have been encouraged to disengage from the Channel process.
10. The quarterly Prevent Steering Group has all key partners represented. This gives the opportunity to share good practice and initiatives. This would include;
11. The Community Reference Group – this is made of critical friends within the Muslim community who critique and advise local delivery. Two members of this this group sit on the PSG.
12. The Prevent Community Forum. This is an open event that attracts and audience which is almost entirely drawn from the Muslim community. It is normally attended by the CC and discusses the strategy as well as addressing community concerns. The most successful of these events have featured inputs from the Independent Reviewer of Terrorist Legislation, OFSTED and IPSO.
13. The Women's network -this is led by the LA Prevent Coordinator supported by female officers from Leicestershire Police. This forum aims to close the gap in engagement with women and acknowledge the pivotal of women in the family and community resilience.
14. Nationally there is a 14 Day Plan to track and respond to community sentiment – this involves positive messaging, vigils, high visibility policing and multi faith events. <https://www.nova-wd.org.uk/assets/files/14-Day-Plan-V3.pdf>
15. This plan can be localised however the recent tempo of attacks meant these periods overlapped.

16. This is made on a case by case basis and if required in consultation with a CT Senior Investigating Officer. CPS advice can also be sought from a CT solicitor. However it is recognised that these decisions are finely nuanced and the processes can appear arcane. There is the perception that less value is placed on attacks against BME communities. Activity to mitigate those sentiments are tracked through a Community Impact Assessment.

Implications

Financial:	Nil
Legal:	Prevent Duty CTSA 2015, HRA 2000
Equality Impact Assessment:	Not conducted but activity underway to establish best practice nationally
Risks and Impact:	Community Trust and Confidence
Link to Police and Crime Plan:	Yes
Communications:	Prevent Comms from Force aligned to messages from NCTPHQ

List of Appendices

Appendix A – Action plan

Background Papers

None

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