Prevent / Protect Awareness Week

The Middlesbrough Protect and Prepare Group (PAPG) Have again teamed up with the Middlesbrough Operational Prevent Group (MOPG) to provide a week of awareness of both Prevent and Protect themed subjects to increase business s awareness of both Protect and Prevent strands of the governments counter terrorism strategy CONTEST.

Throughout the week, events have taken place which included; a live ACT Awareness delivery by Counter Terrorism Policing, a 2 hour table top session ACT Operational, testing participants response to a terrorist scenario delivered by Counter Terrorism Security Advisors, joint community roadshows, Channel training event for safeguarding professionals and an Ask Prevent virtual session for education professionals.

All events were supported with signposting resources promoted to delegates and beyond from the National Cyber Security Centre - NCSC.GOV.UK, ProtectUK | Home, ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation, Get help for radicalisation concerns - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) and Educate Against Hate - Prevent Radicalisation & Extremism. Social media promotion also provided campaigns on both Prevent and Protect to wider audiences.

If any organisations would welcome input from the regional Counter Terrorism Security Advisors, please visit Working with Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSAs) | ProtectUK.

Mailrooms Matter – Having security in mind.

Most organisations continue to rely on the use of postal and courier services to send and receive physical mail. As a result, there is still a risk of receiving something dangerous or threatening through the post.

Mail streams into and within an organisation present opportunity for malicious attacks, including hoaxes, and without the appropriate security measures this can affect an organisation's day-to-day operations, as well as its reputation. That's why it's important to understand how to minimise the risk and impact of suspicious mail.

Fortunately, both the National Security Protective Authority (NPSA) and Protect UK are on hand with practical advice, guidance and awareness campaigns to assist your mailroom staff and staff responsible for handling mail and increasing security.

Under the Publicly Accessible Locations guidance on the Protect UK platform you will find detailed advice on mail handling to help your staff increase their security procedures, you can find the link here Mail handling | ProtectUK.

The NPSA also provide material for mailroom staff including downloadable assets to run awareness campaigns within your own organisation, you can access this resource here Mail Screening Matters | NPSA.

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Emergency Procedures- Does your organisation know what to do regarding bomb threats?

The vast majority of bomb threats are hoaxes designed to cause alarm and disruption and instances of valid bomb threats are rare. Terrorists and others may make hoax bomb threat calls to intimidate the public, businesses and communities, to draw attention to their cause and to mislead police.

While many bomb threats involve a person-to-person phone call, an increasing number are sent electronically using email or social media. No matter how ridiculous or implausible the threat may seem, all such communications are a crime and should be reported to the police by dialling 999.

Preparation is the key for any organisation, ensure staff feel confident and understand the process should they receive a communication of a bomb threat and know what to do and who to alert.

The Publicly Accessible Locations Guidance hosted on Protect UK has specific guidance to help organisations develop their own protocols for managing bomb threats which can be found here Bomb threats | ProtectUK.

Prevent in the public sector

PREVENT RADICALISATION

Did you know these key facts about Prevent?

Prevent isn't a **punishment**

Getting support through Prevent won't go on someone's criminal record – it's about connecting them to the support they need to get their lives back on track.

Get help if you're worried about someone being radicalised, visit GOV.UK/PREVENT

Prevent is a part of the UK's counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. Prevent helps to protect society from terrorism by supporting people who are at risk of radicalisation and offering them appropriate interventions.

Radicalisation means someone is being encouraged to develop extreme views or beliefs in support of terrorist groups and activities. There are many different types of radicalisation and Prevent deals with all of them.

If someone is at risk of radicalisation, they should be referred to Prevent's

support programme, Channel. Channel is confidential and voluntary, and offers support including:

• mentoring

• mental health support such as counselling

• education or career development support

• online safety training for parents

Please watch this short video to learn more on how Prevent works within the public sector:

If you have concerns and believe a young person or adult is at risk of radicalisation, please contact Cleveland Police on 101 (in an emergency 999).

You can also scan the QR Code below to access the Cleveland Police Prevent website and referral form:

You can also get more advice and guidance from the national advice line 0800 011 3764 Mon-Fri 9-5pm or the web site ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation or alternatively from the gov.uk web page Get help if you're worried about someone being radicalised - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk).

Help improving your organisations Cyber Security

Many organisations rely on computer systems to carry out business functions and employ digital technologies to manage safety, security and engineering systems. As a result, businesses can become vulnerable to threats that undermine their confidentiality, integrity or accessibility.

In today's modern world the importance of having good cyber security cannot be underestimated when protecting organisations assets, information and reputation.

Protect UK platform has useful advice under the PALS Guidance specifically on Cyber Security Cyber security | ProtectUK.

And the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has a collection of guidance suitable for organisations of all sizes. Included within this guidance is a Board Toolkit, which provides resources designed to encourage essential cyber security discussions between the board and their technical experts. Please take a look first at the NCSC's 10 Steps to Cyber Security - NCSC.GOV.UK.

LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER *AND* **TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS**

If you see something that doesn't feel right, **tell staff, security or police**

You won't be wasting our time.

In an emergency call 999

ACT | ACTION COUNTERS TERRORISM

The Middlesbrough Protect & Prepare group take your safety and security seriously.

That's why we're supporting Counter Terrorism Policing's campaign to encourage everyone to help keep each other safe this winter.

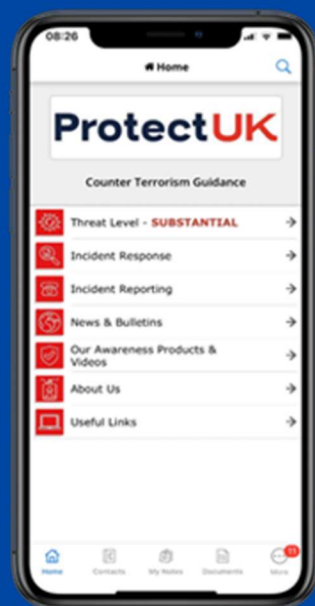We have security measures you can see and, of course, ones you can't.

We ask you to help by staying alert and trusting your instincts.

Whilst you're out and about this winter If you see something that doesn't feel right, trust your instincts and report it at gov.uk/ACT. In an emergency, call 999. You won't be wasting our time.
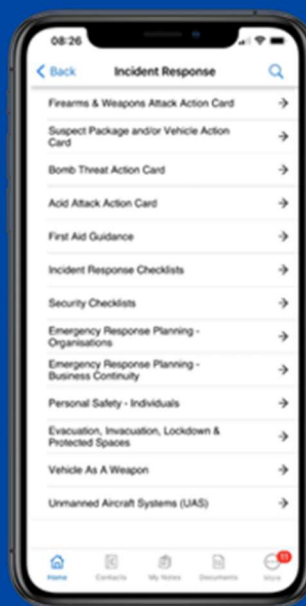
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To help keep you up to date and safe why not consider downloading the free Protect UK App from Apple App store or Google Play for Android Devices:

| One tap log in | Rebranded | Streamlined look and feel | Addition of Action Cards |

Remember #CommunitiesDefeatTerrorism

If something doesn't feel right, tell staff, security or police, and they will do the rest. You won't be wasting anyone's time.

In an emergency, call 999.

Let's keep each other safe.