



DERBYSHIRE

Counter Terrorism Local Profile Update

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Introduction

Counter Terrorism Policing East Midlands has produced this 'Official'-level document to give a brief overview of the identified terrorism risk in your local area. This includes extracts from the full Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) document, and encompasses the four strands of the CONTEST strategy; Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare.

It is not designed to provide a complete assessment of extremist concerns but seeks to raise awareness of current CT related issues.

Threat Level

The UK threat level is **SUBSTANTIAL**. The UK threat level was lowered from SEVERE to **SUBSTANTIAL** on 9th February 2022. **SUBSTANTIAL** indicates that an attack is likely. Threat levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack:

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| LOW | an attack is highly unlikely |
| MODERATE | an attack is possible, but not likely |
| SUBSTANTIAL | an attack is likely |
| SEVERE | an attack is highly likely |
| CRITICAL | an attack is highly likely in the near future |

The public should remain vigilant and report any concerns they may have to the Police at www.gov.uk/ACT or call the police on 101. In an emergency where there is immediate risk to life or property, always use 999.

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The East Midlands continues to experience high volumes of CT threat with the number of cases continuing to increase over the preceding year. Irrespective of where you live, it is important that we always remain vigilant.

Our priority is to safeguard and provide intervention at the earliest opportunity to individuals who are referred into Prevent.

Click on the website link below to learn more about counter terrorism in the UK. This will also give you useful information around the warning signs to look out for as well as case studies from situations that have occurred in the past.

Spot the signs of radicalisation:

www.actearly.uk

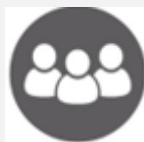
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Key Messages - Derbyshire

1. Self-Initiated Terrorism remains the most dominant threat to the UK due to the lack of preparation or skill and the easy access to weapons such as knives and vehicles. We need to ensure that the public confident in recognising warning signs.
2. Young people and vulnerable individuals continue to actively engage in online extremism and are often seen to be displaying extremist views.
3. Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism is an ongoing issue in the Derbyshire area (in line with the national risk). The overarching threat to the UK is from AQ/IS and this is the largest threat in Derbyshire. We assess that events in the Middle East is increasing the threat from AQ/IS. We are concerned about the low number of Prevent referral received relating to AQ/IS concerns.
4. Within this CTLP the following priorities have been identified (in no particular order):
 - Al Qaeda / Islamic-State extremism (ideology)
 - Left wing / Anarchist and Self Initiated Terrorism (ideology & methodology)
 - Extreme Right-wing extremism (ideology)

Local Priorities

IDEOLOGIES



Islamist Terrorism



Extreme Right
Wing Terrorism



LASIT &
Sub-Threshold

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES



Self-Initiated
Terrorism



Online Extremism



Minors in CT
Investigation

AQ / IS related Terrorism: Ideology

Threat and Risk

Should an AQ / IS terrorist attack occur in the UK in the next 12 months, it will **highly likely** be perpetrated by one or more Self-Initiated Terrorists (S-ITs). S-ITs are potential terrorists who act alone and are difficult to identify.

In terms of AQ / IS Extremism, we are **experiencing a worsening threat from Al-Qaeda and in particular Islamic State.**

Terms:

AQ – Al Qaeda

IS –Islamic State

Derbyshire Pursue AQ / IS investigations

A number of investigations within the Derbyshire area have involved AQ / IS ideologies. It is important to remain vigilant and report any concerns.

Derbyshire Prevent AQ / IS investigations

The Prevent team continue to receive referrals with these ideological concerns.

Prevent engagement is focussed on reassuring all communities with regards to the warning signals to look out for. Further information around engagement can be found later in this report.

Self-Initiated Terrorism: *Methodology*

Threat and Risk

Self-Initiated Terrorism (S-IT) is the greatest terrorist threat to the UK and defined as those who “threaten or mobilise to violence without material support or personal direction from a terrorist organisation; but who may still be influenced or encouraged by the rhetoric or ideology of a group”.

Identification of S-IT remains a challenge. Past attackers have come from a variety of backgrounds and ideologies. Regionally, efforts are being made to raise awareness of S-IT, and the types of behaviour which may identify an individual of concern before they conduct an attack.

It's becoming increasingly difficult to quickly and definitively determine whether an act of violence is ideologically motivated or is driven by other factors such as mental health.



S-IT Indicators

Indicators fall into three areas, Developing Intent, Developing Capability and Planning & Preparing for an attack



Developing
Intent

- Something needs to be done, and they are the person to do it
- Increasing fixation on a grievance and target, such as an individual, traumatic event, weapons or explosives.



Developing
Capability

- Developing skills, knowledge and deciding on tactics
- Identifying resources



Planning &
Preparing for
an attack

- Making final preparations like paying off debts, closing bank accounts, writing a will, saying goodbye to family
- May make pronouncements about having no alternative but to act
- Changes in behaviour/demeanour

This list is not exhaustive and not all S-ITs will necessarily display all the behaviour categories, they are interchangeable and can follow any order.

Online Extremism: *Methodology*

Threat and Risk

Use of the internet supports a wide range of terrorist activity across all ideologies. Alternative platforms may be used by an individual of concern but Telegram is identified as a key platform. Other platforms of note are; Discord, Gab, 4Chan/8Chan and VK. The ease of accessibility to extremist material online is likely to increase self-radicalisation and could allow attack planning.

There are always going to be difficulties around detecting online activity and our capability to interrogate new platforms. Investigation techniques are continuously evolving in order to deal with these emerging challenges.

Young people continue to form a significant proportion of our casework, being drawn into online extremism.



Investigations with an Online footprint

In the last year a significant number of our investigations have involved the use of the online space. This methodology runs across the ideologies contained within this report.

Prevent Referrals – Radicalising Influence

Online remains the highest primary radical influence for subjects referred into Derbyshire Prevent. A significant proportion of subjects are below the age of 21. On further analysis, individuals have been influenced online by viewing/possessing/sharing extreme media, communicating with unknown individuals online who may have extremist views and conducting their own research into concerning activity such as mass shootings.

Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism: *Ideology*

Threat and Risk

Extreme Right-Wing Terrorism (ERWT) activity in the East Midlands is predominantly online. It often involves young people inspired by conspiracies and racist stereotypes about ethnic minorities, who believe that violent action to protect white people is justified.

There is a small number of organised groups, although there are relatively large volumes of extreme views and weapons making instructions that are shared online. Overall, there is a low level of capability or intent to conduct a terrorist attack.

The primary terrorist threat comes from an individual acting alone (a Self-Initiated Terrorist), using a simple attack method, **likely** targeting a minority group or individuals against whom they hold a grievance.

From a Prevent point of view, to effectively manage the risk we focus on a multi agency approach to provide support. Each plan is designed around the needs of the individual.

ERWT Narratives

ERWT narratives are defined as follows

- Cultural Nationalism – That “western Culture” is of superior status and is under threat.
- White Nationalism – A racial Nationalism which believes that white people are under threat of extinction from tide of incoming racial diversity
- White Supremacy – belief that the “white Race” has physical and mental characteristic that make them superior to other races

Derbyshire Pursue investigation

A number of investigations in Derbyshire have featured a ERWT ideology. The themes present are accessing extremist material online, attack planning and purchase of ERW material.



PROTECT & PREPARE

Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill 'Martyn's Law'

The Terrorism (Protection of Premises) draft Bill, also known as Martyn's Law, was included in the King's Speech on 17th July 2024 as part of the programme of legislation the Government intends to pursue in the forthcoming Parliamentary session. This followed a second round of public consultation seeking the views from those responsible for smaller premises which will fall within the standard tier.

On the 12th September 2024 the Bill was introduced to Parliament marking a long-awaited step towards regulating Protect and Prepare activity at venues and public spaces.

The Bill will impose requirements in relation to certain premises and events to increase their preparedness for, and protection from, a terrorist attack by requiring them to take proportionate steps, depending on the size and nature of the activities that take place at the premises. The Bill will be introduced as soon as a parliamentary time allows.

Ahead of the ProtectUK have launched a new Risk Management Process which includes guidance and a toolkit to help organisations and business identify and manage the risks.

Find out more on the [CPNI website](#), and remember, in the rare event of a terrorist attack: [RUN HIDE TELL | ProtectUK](#)



What do I need to do?

Protect UK is the central hub for counter terrorism and security advice. Threat assessment and guidance are held on the website for your use. You can register for news at www.protectuk.

Partner agencies can get up to date information from this resource.

Budding terrorists conduct research as part of their attack planning.

Signs to look out for include:

- Loitering in restricted or non-public areas.
- Observing or photographing entrances, exits, CCTV camera security features or staff.
- Asking unusual questions.
- Hiding their faces or using a disguise.
- Vehicles retracing routes, parked out of place or abandoned.

Security-Minded communications are designed to disrupt hostiles and to make a hostile believe that if they were to choose your organisation or event as a place to attack, they will almost certainly fail.

Regional Engagement Officer

- Your dedicated Regional Engagement Officer is Rachel Sheppard
- We offer Prevent inputs to organisations either in person or via Microsoft Teams.
- The inputs can be tailored around the needs of your organisation and are an effective way to learn more about Prevent, the types of interventions that we offer and how to make a referral.
- You can contact Rachel using the details below:
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Contact information

Your local Prevent team are also available to answer any CT related questions.

We can provide advice regarding individuals, locations or ideologies.

Our contact details are listed below.

Alternatively, you can email the team using the address below:

prevent @derbyshire.police.uk

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