

# Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School

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## Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation Policy

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### Policy Adoption, Monitoring and Review

This policy was considered and adopted by the Governing Board in line with their overall duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children as set out in the updated DfE guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2023'. Parents/carers will be issued with a hard copy of this policy on request.

The Governing Board will actively evaluate the effectiveness of this policy by monitoring the staff group's understanding and application of the procedures within this policy as per our duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

## Introduction

Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School is committed to providing a secure environment, where children feel safe and are kept safe. All staff and volunteers recognise that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, irrespective of the role they undertake and whether or not their role has direct contact or responsibility for children.

Under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act the school also has a statutory duty to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

This policy is one element within our overall school arrangements to Safeguard and Promote the Welfare of all Children in line with our statutory duties, set out in section 175 of the Education Act 2002, and should be read in conjunction with the Safeguarding Policy.

This Policy also draws upon the guidance contained in the DfE Guidance "Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2023" and the following documentation;

- CONTEST: The United Kingdom's Strategy for Countering Terrorism June 2018
- Revised Prevent Duty Guidance: for England and Wales
- Prevent Duty Guidance: for further education institutions in England and Wales

## Definitions

For the purpose of this policy:

**Extremism** – is defined as vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. This includes calling for the death of members of the armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

**Radicalisation** – is defined as the process by which an individual or group comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.

**Terrorism** – is defined as violent threats or actions designed to influence government or intimidate the public with the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause. This includes endangering or causing serious violence to a person or people, serious damage to property, and seriously interfering or disrupting an electronic system.

## School Ethos and Practice

Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School protects the right to freedom of expression. This policy is not intended or designed to restrict or prevent legitimate and lawful congregation or debate.

There is no place for extremist views of any kind in our school, whether from internal sources – children, staff or governors, or external sources - school community, external agencies or individuals. Our children see our school as a safe place where they can explore controversial issues safely and where our teachers encourage and facilitate this – we have a duty to ensure this happens.

As a school we recognise that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for children and so should be addressed as a safeguarding concern as set out in this policy. We also recognise that if we fail to challenge extremist views we are failing to protect our children.

Extremists of all persuasions aim to develop destructive relationships between different communities by promoting division, fear and mistrust of others based on ignorance or prejudice and thereby limiting the life

chances of young people. Education is a powerful weapon against this; equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and critical thinking, to challenge and debate in an informed way.

Therefore, we will provide a broad and balanced curriculum, delivered by skilled professionals, so that our children are enriched, they understand and become tolerant of difference and diversity and also to ensure that they thrive, feel valued and not marginalised. Furthermore, at Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School, we are aware that young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views from an early age which emanate from a variety of sources and media, including via the internet, and at times pupils may themselves reflect or display views that may be discriminatory, prejudiced or extremist, including using derogatory language.

Any prejudice, discrimination or extremist views, including derogatory language, displayed by children or staff will always be challenged and where appropriate dealt with in line with our Behaviour Policy for children and the Code of Conduct for staff. Where misconduct by a teacher is proven, the matter will be referred to the National College for Teaching and Leadership for their consideration as to whether a Prohibition Order is warranted.

As part of wider safeguarding responsibilities school staff will be alert to:

- Disclosures by children of their exposure to the extremist actions, views or materials of others outside of school, such as in their homes or community groups.
- Graffiti symbols, writing or art work promoting extremist messages or images
- Children accessing extremist material online, including through social networking sites
- Parent/carer reports of changes in behaviour, friendship or actions and requests for assistance
- Partner schools, local authority services, and police reports of issues affecting children in other schools or settings
- Children voicing opinions drawn from extremist ideologies and narratives
- Use of extremist or 'hate' terms to exclude others or incite violence
- Intolerance of difference, whether secular or religious or, in line with our Equality Policy, views based on, but not exclusive to, gender, disability, homophobia, race, colour or culture
- Attempts to impose extremist views or practices on others
- Anti-Western or Anti-British views

Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School will closely follow any locally agreed procedure as set out by the Local Authority and/or Staffordshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership agreed processes and criteria for safeguarding individuals vulnerable to extremism and radicalisation.

### **'Channel and 'Prevent'**

Channel, a key element of the Home Office's Prevent strategy, is a multi-agency approach to protect people at risk from radicalisation. The school will work with the LA, local law enforcement, and religious and community leaders, to identify children vulnerable to radicalisation and to challenge extremism if it arises. This includes identifying pupils to whom any of the following criteria applies:

- Displaying feelings of grievance and injustice
- Feeling under threat
- Searching for identity, meaning and belonging
- Displaying a desire for status amongst their peers
- Displaying a desire for excitement and adventure
- Displaying a need to dominate and control others
- Displaying a susceptibility to indoctrination
- Displaying a radical desire for political or moral change
- Appearing susceptible to opportunistic involvement
- Having family or friends involved in extremism

- Appearing susceptible to being influenced or controlled by a group
- Displaying relevant mental health issues

The school will co-operate with local panels involved in the Channel process. A representative of the school will attend meetings as required to aid the mitigation of identified risk and vulnerabilities. This includes contributing towards the support plan and sharing information necessary and proportionate to the effective working of the panel.

## **Preventing radicalisation**

Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School will assess the risk of pupils being drawn into terrorism through identifying the factors that affect children in the local area and knowing how to identify those at risk.

Allegations and concerns of radicalisation and/or terrorism will always be taken seriously and staff will act proportionately, which may include making a Prevent referral.

Where appropriate, pupils will be helped to channel their desire for excitement and adventure into suitable and healthy activities.

Extremist propaganda is widely available online – Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School will ensure that British values are promoted regularly to encourage pupils to develop an appreciation of society. The school will work with local religious and cultural organisations to instil a strong sense of identity in our pupils, as well as a clear place and purpose within the school.

Endon Hall Primary & Nursery recognises that pupils' parents and families are best-placed to spot signs of radicalisation and, as such, will promote effective engagement with parents and families.

All internet activity that takes place on site will be monitored/recorded, as well as activity on any school-owned computers, laptops and tablets off site, and appropriate filters will be installed to protect children from terrorist and extremist material online, in accordance with the Online Safety Policy. In accordance with KCSIE and our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, pupils will be taught about the importance of staying safe online through PSHE lessons.

We will always aim to integrate and engage every child within the school community, and in the wider community. A range of different religious and cultural festivals will be celebrated across the year giving every pupil the opportunity to take part.

Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School will monitor and assess incidents which suggest pupils are engaging, or are at risk of engaging, in extremist activity and/or radicalisation. Where a pupil has been identified as at risk of radicalisation, the school will take action proportionate to the incident or risk.

## **Teaching Approaches**

We will strive to eradicate the myths and assumptions that can lead to some young people becoming alienated and disempowered, especially where the narrow approaches children may experience elsewhere may make it harder for them to challenge or question these radical influences.

In our school this will be achieved by good teaching, primarily via RSHE but also by adopting the methods outlined in the Government's guidance 'Promoting fundamental British values as part of SMSC in schools' (Departmental advice for maintained schools - 1 November 2014) and utilising the Government's 'Educate against hate' resources.

We will ensure that our teaching approaches help our children to build resilience to extremism and give children a positive sense of identity, through the development of critical thinking skills. We will ensure that all of our staff are equipped to recognise extremism and are skilled and confident enough to challenge it.

We will be flexible enough to adapt our teaching approaches, as appropriate, to address specific issues so as to become even more relevant to the current issues of extremism and radicalisation. In doing so we will apply the 'key ingredients' (see Appendix A) and apply the methodologies set out in that document following the three broad categories of:

- Making a connection with young people using a child centred approach
- Facilitating a 'safe space' for dialogue
- Equipping our children with the appropriate skills, knowledge, understanding and awareness for resilience

This approach will be embedded within the ethos of our school so that children know and understand what safe and acceptable behaviour is in the context of extremism and radicalisation. This will work in conjunction with our schools' approach to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils and will include the sound use of assemblies to help further promote this rounded development of our children.

Our goal is to build mutual respect and understanding and to promote the use of dialogue not violence as a form of conflict resolution. We will achieve this by using a curriculum that includes:

- A commitment to RSHE and FBV
- Citizenship programmes
- Open discussion and debate
- Work on anti-violence and a restorative approach addressed throughout the curriculum
- Focussed educational programmes

We will also work with local partners, families and communities in our efforts to ensure our school understands and embraces our local context and values in challenging extremist views and to assist in the broadening of our children's experiences and horizons. We will help support children who may be vulnerable to such influences as part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities and, where we believe a child is being directly affected by extremist materials or influences, we will ensure that the child is offered mentoring and support. Additionally, in such instances, our school will seek external support from the Local Authority and/or local partnership structures working to prevent extremism.

At Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School we will promote the values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs. We will teach and encourage children to respect one another and to respect and tolerate difference, especially those of a different faith or no faith. It is indeed our most fundamental responsibility to keep our children safe and prepare them for life in modern multi-cultural Britain and globally.

## **Use of External Agencies and Speakers**

At Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School we encourage the use of external agencies or speakers to enrich the learning experiences of our children. However, we will positively vet those external agencies, individuals or speakers who we engage to provide such learning opportunities or experiences for our children. Such vetting is to ensure that we do not unwittingly use agencies that contradict each other with their messages or that are inconsistent with, or are in complete opposition to, the school's values and ethos. We must be aware that in some instances the work of external agencies may not directly be connected with the rest of the school curriculum so we need to ensure that this work is of benefit to children.

Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School will assess the suitability and effectiveness of input from external agencies or individuals to ensure that:

- Any messages communicated to children are consistent with the ethos of the school and do not marginalise any communities, groups or individuals
- Any messages do not seek to glorify criminal activity or violent extremism or seek to radicalise children through extreme or narrow views of faith, religion or culture or other ideologies
- Activities are properly embedded in the curriculum and clearly mapped to schemes of work to avoid contradictory messages or duplication
- Activities are matched to the needs of children
- Activities are carefully evaluated to ensure that they are effective

We recognise, however, that the ethos of our school is to encourage children to understand opposing views and ideologies, appropriate to their age, understanding and abilities, and to be able to actively engage with them in informed debate, and we may use external agencies or speakers to facilitate and support this.

Therefore, by delivering a broad and balanced curriculum, augmented by the use of external sources where appropriate, we will strive to ensure our children recognise risk and build resilience to manage any such risk themselves (where appropriate to their age) and ability but also to help children develop the critical thinking skills needed to engage in informed debate.

## **Referring Concerns**

Where there are concerns of extremism or radicalisation parents/carers, children and staff will be encouraged to make use of our internal systems to raise any issue in confidence with a member of the senior leadership team. Our lead person for Prevent, Miss V Lewis (Headteacher), is also the Designated Safeguarding Lead and would normally be the first point of contact should there be concerns. If for any reason this creates a difficulty for the referrer, they can contact the Local Authority 'Prevent' co-ordinator, First Response Team, Education Safeguarding Advice Service or Ofsted, depending on the level of concern. Contact details for these agencies can be found at the end of this policy document.

Staff should refer to the school Whistle Blowing Policy; under which they are entitled to employment protection for raising genuine concerns outside of the school environment.

## **Child Protection**

Please refer to our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy for the full procedural framework on our Child Protection duties.

Staff will be alert to the fact that, whilst Extremism and Radicalisation is broadly a safeguarding issue, there may be some instances where a child or children may be at direct risk of harm or neglect. For example; this could be due to a child displaying risky behaviours in terms of the activities they are involved in or the groups they are associated with or staff may be aware of information about a child's family that may equally place a child at risk of harm (these examples are for illustration and are not definitive or exhaustive).

Therefore, all adults working at Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School (including visiting staff, volunteers', contractors, and students on placement) are required to report instances where they believe a child may be at risk of harm or neglect to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Headteacher, who will make a referral to children's social care or the Staffordshire Prevent team when appropriate.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead works in line with the responsibilities as set out at Annex B of the DfE Guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' September 2023.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is the focus person and local 'expert' for school staff, and others, who may have concerns about an individual child's safety or well-being and is the first point of contact for external agencies. In line with Recommendation 2 of Peter Clarke's Report; the role of our Designated Safeguarding Lead will be extended, at the appropriate time, to include the responsibilities of the PREVENT strand of the Government's counter-terrorism strategy.

## **Training**

All staff, including temporary staff and volunteers, will receive an induction in regard to our Safeguarding Policy and procedures. This will include information and guidance about our duty to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism.

Whole school training in regard to safeguarding and child protection will be organised for staff, governors and volunteers at least annually and will comply with the prevailing arrangements approved by Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Board and will, in part, include awareness raising on extremism and radicalisation and its safeguarding implications.

Regular cascading/updating of information is in place through staff meetings and/or briefings.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead will attend appropriate and relevant training courses in regard to safeguarding children, including the appropriate inter-agency training organised by the Safeguarding Board, at least every two years. This will include accessing training on extremism and radicalisation and its safeguarding implications. The Designated Safeguarding Lead will ensure that all adults working in the school receive appropriate levels of training, guidance and support in regard to safeguarding children from extremism and radicalisation.

## **Recruitment and staff conduct**

The arrangements for recruiting all staff, permanent and volunteers, to our school will follow guidance for safer recruitment best practice in education settings, including, but not limited to, ensuring that DBS checks are always made at the appropriate level, that references are always received and checked and that we complete and maintain a single central record of such vetting checks. We will apply safer recruitment best practice principles and sound employment practice in general and in doing so will deny opportunities for inappropriate recruitment or advancement.

Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School will be alert to the possibility that persons may seek to gain positions within our school so as to unduly influence our schools character and ethos. We are aware that such persons seek to limit the opportunities for our children thereby rendering them vulnerable to extremist views and radicalisation as a consequence. Therefore, by adhering to safer recruitment best practice techniques and by ensuring that there is an ongoing culture of vigilance within our school and staff team, we will minimise the opportunities for extremist views to prevail.

Referrals to the Staffordshire LADO service will be made when appropriate as per statutory guidance and our Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy.

## **Role of Governing Board**

The Governing Board will undertake appropriate training to ensure that they are clear about their role and the parameters of their responsibilities as Governors, including their statutory safeguarding duties. The Governing Board will support the ethos and values of our school and will support the school in tackling extremism and radicalisation. In line with Recommendation 13 of Peter Clarke's report details of our Governing Board are published on our school website to promote transparency. In line with the provisions set out in the DfE guidance 'Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2023 the Governing Board will challenge the school's senior leadership team on the delivery of this policy and monitor its effectiveness.

Governors will review this policy annually and may amend and adopt it outside of this timeframe in accordance with any new legislation or guidance or in response to any quality assurance recommendations pertaining to the delivery of this policy and the overall safeguarding arrangements made.

## **Role of the Headteacher**

The Headteacher is responsible for:

- The overall implementation and management of this policy.
- Ensuring every staff member is familiar with the scope of this policy.
- Ensuring pupils are taught about British values through the curriculum.
- Ensuring that Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School is a safe space in which pupils can understand and discuss sensitive topics, including terrorism and extremism, and are able to challenge these ideas.
- Undertaking a risk assessment to determine whether pupils are at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- Identifying extremist risks in the local area.
- Ensuring any visitors and speakers at the school are appropriate and vetted prior to them having access to pupils.

## **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputies**

The Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputies are responsible for:

- Handling any referrals to the Channel programme and supporting staff who make referrals to Channel.
- Following up any referrals made to the Channel programme.
- Provide advice and support to staff on protecting pupils from the risk of radicalisation.
- Delivering staff training on the Prevent duty.
- Working with external agencies to support pupils at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- Providing guidance to other staff members to help them support pupils at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- Understanding local procedures for making a Prevent referral and making Prevent referrals where appropriate.
- Considering if it would be appropriate to share any information with a new school or college in advance of a pupil leaving, e.g. if the pupil is currently receiving support through the 'Channel' programme and the information would allow the new setting to have support in place for when the pupil arrives.

## **Endon Hall Primary & Nursery School Staff**

School staff are responsible for:

- Being alert to the risk factors of extremism and radicalisation and any changes in a pupil's behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection.
- Raising any concerns with the DSL (or any deputies, in their absence).
- Notifying the DSL (or any deputies, in their absence) when they make any referrals to the Channel programme.
- Engaging in staff training on the Prevent duty.
- Using their professional judgement to identify pupils who may be at risk of radicalisation and acting proportionately.



## Appendix A – Teaching approaches to building resilience in children and young people

<b>Push Factors</b>	<b>Key Ingredients</b>	<b>Pull Factors</b>
Factors which push/make an individual vulnerable to extremist messages	<b>Teacher confidence and skills</b> in dealing with difficult and sensitive issues	Factors that draw young people into extremist messages
Lack of excitement, frustration	<b>Teacher attitude/behaviours</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to be able to admit that do not necessarily know the answers</li> <li>• Able to acknowledge that controversial issues/matters exist</li> <li>• Willingness to seek help when not sure what to do/how to assist</li> <li>• Understanding that they have a role to play re this agenda</li> </ul>	Confident and charismatic recruiters
Lack of a sense of achievement seen as significant. Lacking purpose/confidence in the future/life goals.	<b>Specific knowledge</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some understanding of other cultures and religions and belief systems</li> <li>• Knowledge of alternate values framework</li> </ul>	Networks/sense of belonging
Lacking an outlet for views	<b>Teaching pedagogy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working with pupils to enable them to develop critical thinking skills (to be able to see through propaganda...)</li> <li>• Enabling pupils to see multiple perspectives</li> <li>• Enabling pupils to deal with difficult situations</li> <li>• Utilizing multiple resources/methods</li> <li>• Working with young people to enable them to develop and have pride in sense of self and sense of having multiple identities</li> <li>• Linking school work with the wider community</li> </ul>	Persuasive clear message which exploit knowledge gaps
Gaps in knowledge and or understanding of Islam both young people and their parents		Wider community views which promote extremist views or do not actively oppose extremism
A sense of injustice		
Actual or perceived humiliating experiences, this may be linked to sense of injustice. The experiences may be of being bullied, put down etc		
Exclusion – a lack of belonging to peer/community networks, groups etc.		

## Appendix B – Referral Pathway

### Prevent

#### **What do I do if I have concerns about an individual in relation to extremism or radicalisation?**

If you have concerns about an individual in relation to extremism or radicalisation, you can refer to the Prevent Team. They will be able to offer appropriate advice and guidance and will refer into the Channel process, if required.

#### **What is Channel?**

Channel is a key element of the Prevent Strategy. It is a multi-agency approach to protect people at risk of radicalisation. Channel uses existing collaboration between local authorities, statutory partners, the police and the local community to identify individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism, assess the nature and extent of that risk and develop the most appropriate support for the individuals concerned.

#### **What happens once I have raised a concern about an individual with the Prevent Team?**

Prevent Team Officers would liaise with you to discuss your concerns. They would complete a vulnerability assessment for the individual (either by engaging directly with them or based on information given by the referrer, depending on the circumstances).

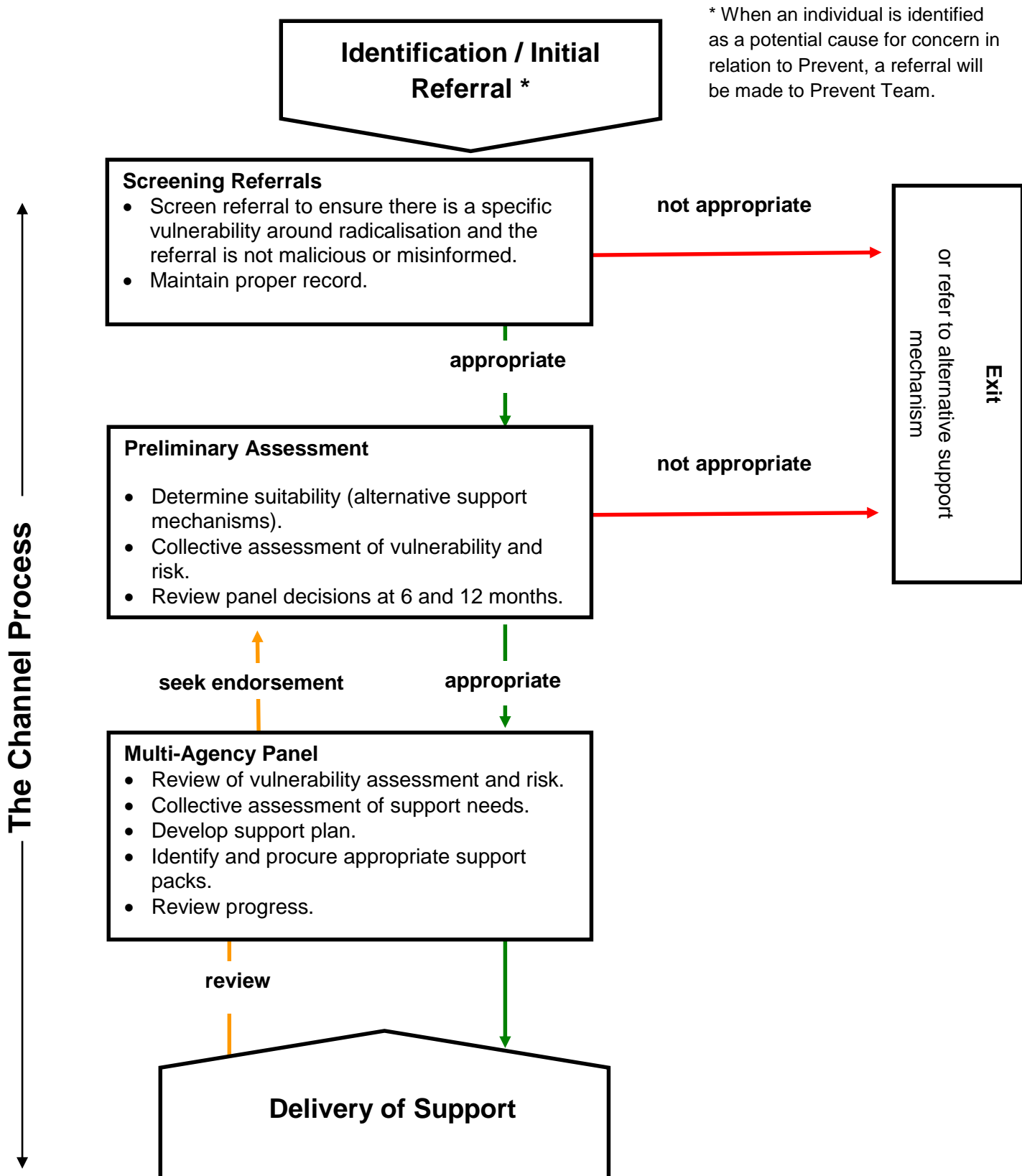
The information would then be used to make a decision as to whether the case needed to be discussed at the next Channel meeting, where the assessment is discussed and agencies are invited to contribute any shared knowledge about the individual from their own area of business. The vulnerability assessment scoring is also discussed and a decision made about how to ensure the most suitable outcomes for the individual are achieved. If the case is not accepted into the Channel process at this stage, it will be referred back to the Case Management process, where appropriate alternative support and engagement for the individual will be identified.

If an individual who has been referred to Channel is the subject of an existing statutory process (for example, child protection processes) the Prevent Team would endeavour to contribute to the statutory process along with the other key partners who were working together to achieve the best outcomes for the individual concerned.

The person making the referral will be kept informed and, in many cases, would be involved in decision-making going forward.

## Channel Process

The diagram shows the different stages within the Channel process:



**Source:** 'Channel: Protecting vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorism - A guide for local partnerships'. HM Government, October 2012