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Working in Partnership for the Prevention of Terrorism and Violent Extremism

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PREVENT is a multi agency government driven strategy and delivery plan aimed at stopping people becoming terrorists, or supporting terrorism and violent extremism.

All agencies have an obligation to deliver against its objectives in a manner that engages and wins the support of all communities.



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This is NOT the targeting of Muslim communities.

This IS engagement with Muslim communities more so than with others.

Why.....?



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Reason 1:

Comments from 'suicide videos made by men on trial (3 convicted) for plotting terrorist explosions September 2008.

- "I was over the moon that Allah has given me this opportunity to lead this blessed operation." (Abdulah Ahmed Ali [Ringleader] Guilty.)
- "I only wish I could do this again, you know come back and do this again, and just do it again and again until people come to their senses and realise, you know, don't mess with the Muslims". (Tanveer Hussain-Guilty.)
- "All Muslims take heed, remove yourself from the grasp of the Kuffar before you are counted as one of them. Do not be content with your council houses and businesses and western lifestyle." (Ibrahim Savant)
- "Now I'd like to address the bootlickers who stand shoulder to shoulder with Kuffar in condemning these beautiful operations and the Mujahedeen". (Arafat Waheed Khan)



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9th September **The Guardian**

- MUSLIMS who conspired to murder have been condemned by local Mosque leaders. In a statement the Waltham Forest Council of Mosques, which represents eight mosques, said:
- "We would like to emphasise that Islam rejects terrorism in all its forms. Islam does not legitimise using violence as a form of political dissent. We would like to state we are working to counter the extremist views within our community....."



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Reason 2:

Because violent extremists are engaging with Muslim communities too!

Terrorism does not start in big noisy cities, but in quiet, unobtrusive neighbourhoods.



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Op
Crevice
Fertilizer
bomb
plots



Crawley

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk/6149798.stm>



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London terrorism trial concludes: 5 guilty, 2 acquitted



Osama Khan
Guilty, 20 years to life
Osama Khan was charged with conspiring to blow up London Underground stations, a terrorist offence. He was found guilty after evidence that he had conspired to blow up the station and the tunnel between the Old Bailey and the Strand in London in 2012. He was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison.

Anthony Garcia
Guilty, 20 years to life
Anthony Garcia was charged with conspiring to blow up London Underground stations, a terrorist offence. He was found guilty after evidence that he had conspired to blow up the station and the tunnel between the Old Bailey and the Strand in London in 2012. He was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison.

Michael Mahmood
Guilty, 20 years to life
Michael Mahmood was charged with conspiring to blow up London Underground stations, a terrorist offence. He was found guilty after evidence that he had conspired to blow up the station and the tunnel between the Old Bailey and the Strand in London in 2012. He was sentenced to 20 years to life in prison.

Imad Abbas
Guilty, 17.5 years to life
Imad Abbas was charged with conspiring to blow up London Underground stations, a terrorist offence. He was found guilty after evidence that he had conspired to blow up the station and the tunnel between the Old Bailey and the Strand in London in 2012. He was sentenced to 17.5 years to life in prison.

Salimuddin Jasin
Guilty, 17.5 years to life
Salimuddin Jasin was charged with conspiring to blow up London Underground stations, a terrorist offence. He was found guilty after evidence that he had conspired to blow up the station and the tunnel between the Old Bailey and the Strand in London in 2012. He was sentenced to 17.5 years to life in prison.

Singah Mahmood
Acquitted
Singah Mahmood was charged with conspiring to blow up London Underground stations, a terrorist offence. He was acquitted after evidence that he had conspired to blow up the station and the tunnel between the Old Bailey and the Strand in London in 2012.

Najam Hossain
Acquitted
Najam Hossain was charged with conspiring to blow up London Underground stations, a terrorist offence. He was acquitted after evidence that he had conspired to blow up the station and the tunnel between the Old Bailey and the Strand in London in 2012.

Mosque of funeral highlights
The funeral of the 2012 London bombings victim, a young man, was held at a mosque in London. The funeral was attended by a large number of people, including family and friends. The funeral was held in a mosque in London, and the body was buried in a mosque in London.

PCUK store
A PCUK store is located in London. The store is a clothing store that sells a variety of clothing items. The store is located in a shopping center in London. The store is a clothing store that sells a variety of clothing items.

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Role Profiles

1. **Shujah Mahmood** – Not Guilty.

- Brother of lead conspirator.
- Jury accepted during the year long trial that Mahmood was a young, lost man in the wrong place at the wrong time. They accepted his defence that he had unwittingly found himself dragged into something he simply didn't have the capacity to properly understand.

2. **Anthony Garcia** – Guilty. 20yrs to life.

- Born Algeria. Moved to UK aged 5yrs.
- Left school at 16 – ambitions to be male model.
- As a teenager Islam played no part in his life. Drifted through jobs and spent money on cigarettes, drink and clothes.
- His older brother, Lamine, was always his role model who became increasingly interested in Islam. It was natural for Garcia to follow.
- The brothers attended Islamist political meetings and began discussing issues such as treatment of Muslims in Indian-administered Kashmir.



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Local Role Profile



Miles Cooper - 4 years imprisonment 2007

“You are a terrorist” – Judge Julian Hall

- Lived Cherry Hinton (low crime area), caretaker Teversham Community School.
- Male 27yrs white. ‘Lone wolf’.
- 7 letter bombs, 5 exploded, 8 people seriously injured.
- Harboured grudges- angry at authorities, feared authoritarian govt and concerned with the direction the country heading.
- Targeted campaign DVLA, Congestion Charge, Forensic Services, Accountancy Offices
- Arrested and devices, bomb making equipment and substances found.
- Charged under Explosive Substances Act and Offences Against Persons Act



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Local Role Profile

- Omar Khayam 22yrs
- Employed on First Capital Connect Cambridge to London line 2007
- Supported protests against Danish cartoons along with protestors re 7/7 bombings.
- "I found the pictures deeply offensive as a Muslim..."



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The PREVENT strategy has 5 key strands:

- Challenge the violent extremist ideology and support mainstream voices.
- Disrupt those who promote violent extremism and the institutions where they are active.
- Support individuals who are being targeted and recruited to the cause of violent extremism.
- Increase the resilience of communities to violent extremism.
- Address the grievances the ideologies are exploiting.



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NI 35 (APACS 63)

Building communities resilient to violent extremism.

- Understanding of and engagement with Muslim Communities (More than one Islamic school of thought).
- Knowledge and Understanding of the drivers and causes of violent extremism and the Prevent objectives.
- Development of a risk based Preventing Violent Extremism action plan.
- Effective oversight, delivery and evaluation of projects and actions.



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What we can do.

- What's normal, what's different?
- Develop knowledge and information through effective core engagement. – Under representation from ethnic minority and young people respondents to Strategic Assessment?
- Don't keep that knowledge to yourself. How do we communicate? (ISAs)
- Build activity under NI1 (LAA) (% people from different backgrounds who get on) and NI4 (% people feel they can influence decisions in their locality.)
- Staff understanding of the issues.
- Positive voices in the community including Muslim women and young people.
- What are the community concerns?



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Examples from elsewhere.



- Imam training in English, cultural knowledge, child protection
- Multi agency events (Nicole)
- Training Muslim women in IT
- Ambassadors for Islam – building understanding amongst Muslim youths to counter extremism narrative.
- Theatre productions
- Using Mosques for social activities
- Mentoring vulnerable individuals
- www.IDeA.gov.uk



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Useful phraseology



“We all share responsibility for tackling violent extremism.”

“There are specific tasks where communities can help.”

“Shared values.”

“A challenge and threat to all of us.”

Islamic/Islamist/Muslim extremism- suggests is the product of only one religion or community.

Avoid “Islampophobia” – perceived as a slur on Islam.

“So, who are the local terrorists then?”!



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Key messages:

Terrorism is a real and serious threat to us all

Terrorists are criminals, sometimes murderers, and they attack the values that we all share

We all need to work together to tackle the terrorist challenge



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Key Documents:

- The Prevent Strategy – A guide for Local Partners
- ACPO (TAM) Partner's Briefing (Restricted)
- Delivering the Prevent Strategy – Practical Steps for local partners
- National Community Safety Plan
- Children's Plan.
- Strong & Prosperous Communities.



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Questions:

1. Should preventing violent extremism be an issue the South Cambs CDRP increases focus on?
2. How can South Cambs CDRP take this issue on and incorporate in current plans?
3. How will Prevent activity be owned and governed?

