

Channel

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Channel is an early intervention strategy aimed at identifying and supporting those individuals vulnerable to recruitment into violent extremism.

Nicky Reilly (Exeter, May 2008)

- Diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome
- Self harm issues
- Dysfunctional family background.
- Sectioned under MHA
- Poor educational attainment (left school with no qualifications, and had only basic numeracy and literacy skills)



Nicky Reilly

- Radicalised by extremists over internet
- Taught how to build bleach bomb
- Persuaded to attempt suicide bomb attack in Giraffe Restaurant
- Exploded nail bomb in pub
- Sentenced to 18 years in prison

Described by his lawyer as the “least cunning” person ever to have been charged with terrorism



Radicalisation



Nicky Reilly

Peer Mentor

College Teacher

GP

Consultant Psychiatrist

Mosque Imam

Community Centre
Manager

Head of Year

Agencies

A&E Nurse

Police Officer

Learning Disability
Advisor

Transport Manager

Connexions P.A

YOS Officer

Housing Officer

Fire Officer

Social worker



Overview

- In Greater Manchester, vulnerable individuals at risk of being targeted for radicalisation is being viewed as a safeguarding issue.
- Channel is a PROCESS by which partner agencies can now safeguard individuals vulnerable to violent extremism through multi-agency working.

Channel's Objectives

- Identify individuals and groups at risk of being drawn into violent extremism
- Assess the nature and extent of that risk
- Refer cases to a multi agency panel to develop the most appropriate support package to safeguard the individual at risk

Safeguarding



Working Together 2010

Working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and families

Referral Process

- Referral received - police and partners
- Police Intelligence Officer
- Multi Agency Panel

External Referrals



Aim to have partner agencies as a source of referral

- Work closer with individuals
- May witness more discreet vulnerabilities
- Duty of care to the individual
- Statutory responsibility around safeguarding

Making a Referral

Identifying a Single Point Of Contact

Vulnerable person identified at risk of radicalisation

1. Practitioner to liaise with SPOC
2. SPOC to contact Police Intelligence Officer

Work is currently being done to identify SPOCs within your organisations. For advice in the mean time please feel free to contact us. Our contact details are included at the end.

Police Intelligence Officer

- Subject is NOT created on any criminal systems
- Subject is checked against police systems
- Risk assessment for practitioners
- Needs assessment for the subject
- Information returned to SPOC/practitioner

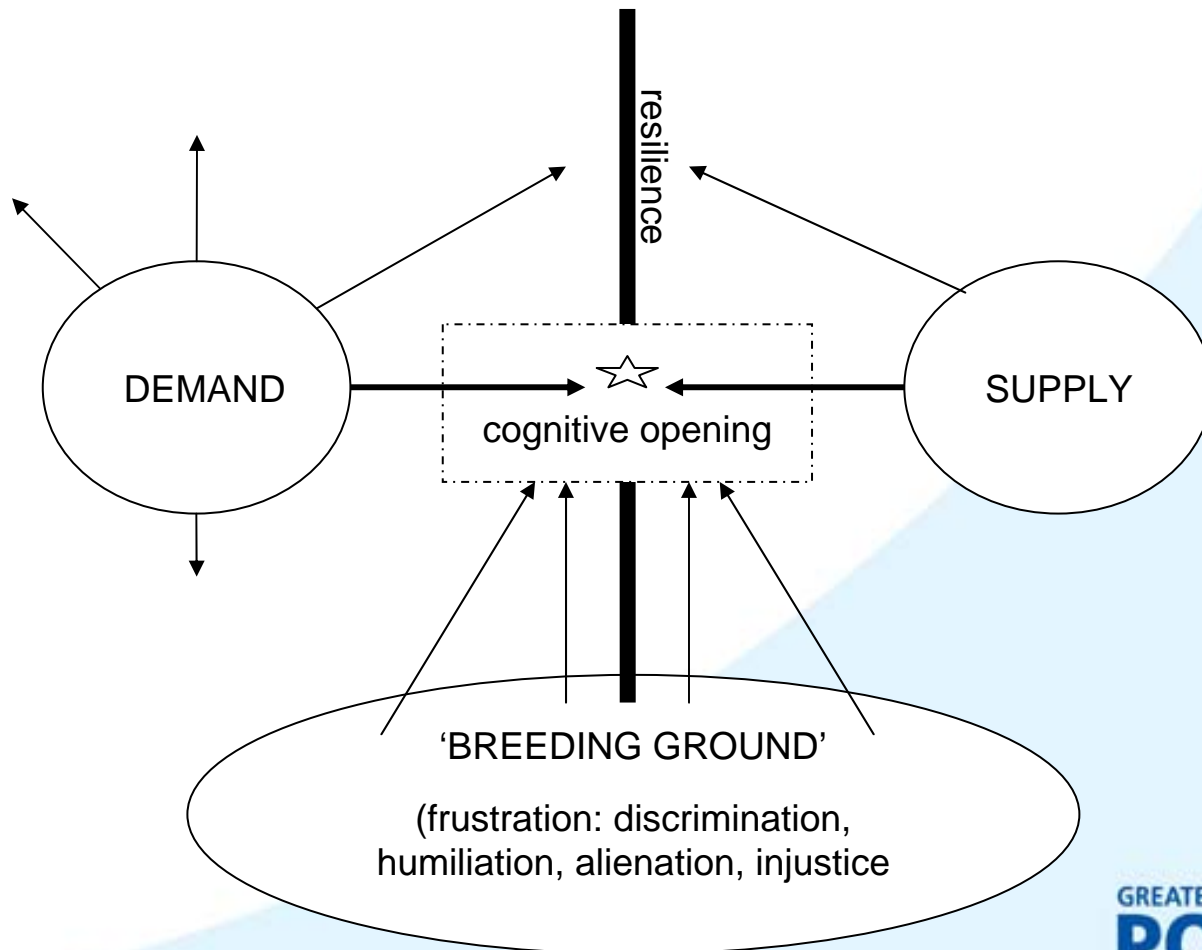
Multi Agency Panel

- Panel led by local authority.
- Consists of relevant and statutory partner agencies.
- If statutory panel already in existence (MAPPA, C.I.N, C.P) we will dovetail in here.
- Panel provides specific support tailored to the needs of that individual
- Coordinator will support multi-agency panel around issues of radicalisation and violent extremism

Factors Leading to VE

- Search for answers - identity, faith and belonging.
- Desire for adventure/excitement.
- Desire to enhance self esteem.
- Identifying with a charismatic individual/group that offers social support.
- Sense of grievance triggered by personal experience of racism/discrimination/aspects of government policy etc.

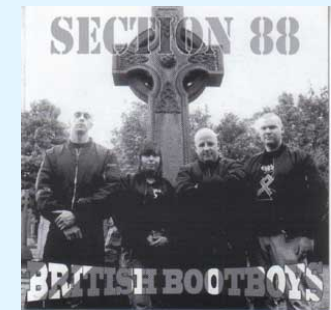
Identity



Behavioural Indicators

- Major behaviour changes.
- Change in appearance.
- Talks about another person who exerts a lot of influence.
- Isolated from peers, associates with only 1 group of people, withdrawal from family members.
- Additional vulnerability risk factors: Special Educational Needs, MFH, Mental Health Issues, Alcohol and Drug abuse.

Right Wing Symbolism



- 5 words
- "I have nothing to say."
- Alex Curtis

Right Wing Symbolism

14 words

"We must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children"

This expression was coined by white supremacist David Lane while in prison serving essentially a life sentence for his role in The Order, a 1980s white supremacist terrorist group that conducted armed robberies, bombings, and assassinations. Lane died in prison in 2007.

5 words

"I have nothing to say"

Alex Curtis, a San Diego-based white supremacist who coined the phrase, believes that white racists in the United States should use the five words to demonstrate a "code of silence" and to help avoid prosecution by law enforcement.

Case Study 1

Referral was received from hospital about a patient with Asperger's syndrome who had a fixation on the events of 9/11 and school massacres. The patient suffered feelings of stress, anxiety and despair, which later developed into feelings of anger and hatred against everyone.

He then attended an airport with a knife, books on flying and models of the Twin Towers and the Empire State Building.

A safeguarding meeting was convened and the patient was offered a psychological assessment to identify his vulnerabilities and needs. An intervention strategy has been established to address his low self-esteem issues, to assist his integration into social environments, support for his mental health issues and assistance with educational support to engage him in employment

Case Study 2

Following a fight at school a young boy was spoken to by his teacher and he said “*I don't care what happens to me I know important people and I can make a bomb and start a riot*”. When questioned further he wasn't fully aware of the meaning of a riot but knew what a bomb did. This boy had learning difficulties and the school acknowledged concerns around his behaviour in that he had been involved in over 30 incidents of aggression mainly towards women.

Safeguarding meeting held and a CAF put in place to address. School addressed issues of poor educational performance by providing a mentor in class. YOS and Connexions provided diversionary tactics outside of school to encourage formation of new peer groups and reduce social isolation. Referral made to CAMHS to address possible mental health issues. School based police officer addressed issues of violence by focusing on consequences of actions. Referral made to FIS (Family Intervention Service) to help mother at home (single parent with 3 children). Bereavement counselling offered in relation to father's death that had not been addressed.

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