

## **Police Scotland – Release of 2016/17 Prevent Referral Data**

Police Scotland is committed to working in partnership to deliver the aims of the Prevent strategy. This area of service delivery is very much a joint enterprise, with other public sector bodies and all communities all having a part to play.

Prevent is a strand of the UK Government's Counter-Terrorist Strategy known as 'CONTEST' and the purpose of Prevent is to 'stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism'. In Scotland, the Prevent strategy aims to tackle all forms of violent extremism and terrorism, including international, Northern-Ireland related and the extreme right wing.

Prevent is delivered in Scotland through a multi-agency approach which focuses on the early identification of individuals who are vulnerable to being drawn into violent extremism. At the heart of the strategy is a partnership response designed to put in place appropriate safeguarding and supportive measures. Prevent is not a police led agenda, it is founded on a shared responsibility across partners and communities to ensure that vulnerable people are appropriately supported.

The success of the Prevent strategy rests on organisations and communities being able to make referrals about people they are concerned may be drawn into terrorism. Police Scotland works to take initial receipt of these referrals and thereafter coordinates an appropriate multi-agency response to safeguard the individual.

In our efforts to be as transparent as possible about Prevent, Police Scotland has, along with partners, taken the decision to publish the data regarding Prevent referrals in 2016/17 which are shown below. The data for 2015/16 has been published previously and can be found [here](#)

A short Q&A briefing on Prevent can also be found here ([Prevent Q&A](#)), which provides more information regarding the referral data.

If you would like further information on the Prevent Strategy, please contact 101.

## **Police Scotland Prevent Referral Data – 2016/17**

2016 / 2017: Total PCM Nominals = 59

### Gender:

Female = 6  
Male = 53  
Unspecified = 0

### Age:

Under 15 = 8  
15-20 = 23  
21-30 = 11  
31-40 = 7  
41-50 = 6  
51-60 = 2  
61+ = 2

### Source Of Referral:

Community = 8  
Education = 13  
Friends / Family = 7  
Health = 3  
Local Authority = 5  
Other = 4  
Police = 17  
Prisons & Probation = 2

### Type Of Concern:

Extreme Right Wing = 15  
International Extremism = 13  
Other = 11  
Unspecified = 20

### Action:

Accepted As PPC Case = 2  
Referred To Other Services = 31  
Requiring No Further Action = 26

### Outcome:

No Prevent Issue to be Addressed = 31  
Prevent Issue Mitigated = 25  
Prevent Issue Not Mitigated = 2  
Transferred to Other Force = 1

### Signposting / Onward Referral:

Community = 0  
Education = 2  
Health = 12  
Local Authority = 16  
No Further Referral = 26  
Other = 0  
Police = 3  
Prisons & Probation = 0