

Background Information: Safeguarding Children from Radicalisation

This issue was included on the Improving Lives Select Commission work programme in 2022/23.

The purpose of the presentation is to facilitate the scrutiny of the work that councils do with their partners to safeguard children from radicalisation, in line with the statutory duties under Prevent.

The following points are the contributions scrutiny can make to the Council's Prevent agenda:

- Supporting and challenging the assessment of risk - How are risks identified, managed and assessed? Who is involved?
- Scrutinising Prevent and counter-extremism action plans in general – how effective are these, particularly with regards to children's safeguarding? How is this assessed?
- Monitoring and managing and developing the authority's partnerships and relationships – how does the Council work with schools, early help and other key partnerships?
- 'Mainstreaming' counter-extremism and Prevent work - how the priorities are reflected in the work of the Council and partners?

Further reading:

[Scrutiny, counter-extremism and the Prevent duty](#)

[Rotherham Safeguarding Children Partnership - Prevent](#)

[Prevent and Channel – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council](#)

Department for Education (DfE) (2015) [The Prevent duty: departmental advice for schools and childcare providers](#). London: Department for Education.

Department for Education (DfE) (2021) [Prevent duty self-assessment tool: further education](#).

Department for Education (DfE) (2022) [The Prevent duty: safeguarding learners vulnerable to radicalisation](#).