Prevent and Channel Referral guide
For reporting a concern of a vulnerable individual

It is important for you as a member of staff to know where to go if you have a concern that someone may be on the route to radicalisation. Below is a flow chart which aims to show the process as to which you can follow:

Member of staff identifies concern.

Concern reported to Prevent Lead / SPOC (Who is preferably the Safeguarding Lead)

The Prevent Lead / SPOC gathers more information where possible and identifies what further action is required.

- **No Action**
  - No evidence of radicalisation or extremism is identified. Consider other safeguarding concerns
  - Refer to in house Safeguarding Procedure. Call Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224

- **Action**
  - Risk of radicalisation identified.
  - Contact your Regional Police Prevent Team on 01179 455 536 / 01179 455 539
    Email: channelsw@avonandsomerset.pnn.police.uk

- **For Support and Advice**
  - For passing anonymous information about terrorism call the Anti-terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321.
  - Out of hours and need uniform police response call 101

If there is **no immediate risk of intent to harm or imminent travel. All Prevent referrals.**

If there is **immediate risk (high risk) call 999 e.g. intent to harm or travel abroad in next 24hrs**

Local authority Prevent Lead (Lucy Macready: 07887955440 or Email: LMacready@somerset.gov.uk) or Prevent Coordinator (Lynsay Birkett: 07909995644 Email: lbirkett@somerset.gov.uk)

Once a referral has been made and enters the Channel process, the below process map illustrates what happens next…
Decision to Refer Process
Further information gathering with your institution and other key agencies that the individual is involved with. Are there shared concerns between partners? Is there a vulnerability to radicalisation?

Yes

Preliminary Assessment and Multiagency Channel Meeting
Police will organise a Multi-Agency Channel meeting which will be made of key partners. The meeting will be chaired by your Local Authority.

Channel Support
Implement support plan depending on level of risk.

Regularly review process
Channel Panel members work together to review progress and reduce risks.

The individual will exit the Channel process when all partner agencies feel that the vulnerability to radicalisation has been completely removed or significantly lessened.

No

Referrer informed of decision and passed to other Safeguarding panels for support e.g. MAPPA.
Referral can be made back to Channel if any further concerns arise.

It is important to remember that consent is gained with the individual to be part of Channel support and intervention.