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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI500145498

Thank you for your request for information relating to Prevent/Channel data management.

You have requested the following information:

According to the document CTP-Prevent Policy 2020, released publicly by Counter Terrorism Policing, each local authority and police force should enter into Data Sharing Agreements (DSA) with regards to Prevent and/or Channel. According to legislation, DSA's should be entered into after a Data Protection Impact Assessment has been carried out. Any data processing should be covered by a Data Processing Contract.

Please release:

- 1. Any Data Sharing Agreement(s) made with regards to Prevent and/or Channel.**
- 2. Any Data Protection Impact Assessment done in relation to these Data Sharing Agreement(s).**
- 3. Any Data Processing Contract(s) relevant to the Data Sharing Agreement(s).**

In response to Questions 1 to 3, we deem this information exempt under section 24 National Security and Section 31 Law Enforcement.

• As part of wider CT efforts the Government employs a range of programmes to safeguard susceptible individuals and the public. The nature of these programmes means that there is

sometimes limited information about them in the public domain. Data protection documents contain detailed descriptions of the purposes for which information is being stored and used. Disclosing detailed operational information about certain intervention programmes, including information contained in data protection documents, would provide detailed information on how they operate and could undermine their effectiveness.

- This information could be used by individuals or groups to devise counter strategies to these programmes, weakening their effectiveness and expose susceptible individuals to a greater risk of being drawn into terrorism. If more people are drawn into terrorism this would increase the national security threat to the UK. There is a serious terrorism threat to the United Kingdom and the Information Commissioner recognises that terrorists are highly motivated and will go to great lengths to achieve their goals.
- Some local authorities may see fit to disclose this information, but the fact that other public authorities choose to disclose this information does not set a precedent for every public authority to do the same. Each request and response must be considered individually, and the risks identified by the Council in this case do not change simply because another Council has taken a different approach.

4. A list of partners without Data Sharing Agreement(s) that you have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with for the purposes of Prevent and/or Channel implementation.

We have not entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with partners. Any partners who may not have Data Sharing Agreements for the purposes of Prevent and/or Channel would be asked to sign and agree to the Official Secrets Act declaration.

5. Any information given to persons, or the guardians of said persons, referred to Prevent and/or Channel, including any Privacy Notice.

Please see the attached document.

Additionally, please answer the following questions:

6. Is the Data Sharing Agreement derived from the template Data Sharing Agreement found on the Police CTNet?

You can contact CT Policing, who are responsible for the information found on Police CTNet.

7. Are any data relevant to Prevent and/or Channel shared outside of Data Sharing Agreements, such as via Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub emails being copied into Police?

Any information shared is within the remit of Data Sharing Agreements and Channel Duty Guidance.

8. Do invitees to Channel or Police-Led Partnership Panels have to sign Data Sharing or Confidentiality Agreements?

Yes.

9. If YES to (8) please release a copy of this agreement.

Official Secrets Act, confidentiality agreement is attached.

10. Is any data relevant to Prevent stored outside of the Prevent Case Management Database or Channel Management Information System?

Yes.

11. If YES to (11) please list these databases.

SharePoint.

Access to the SharePoint is restricted on a need-to-know basis and all those with access adhere to the Official Secrets Act.

12. Please indicate whether your area is a Prevent priority area (YES/NO)

Yes.

13. Please indicate whether your area is a Dovetail area (YES/NO)

No.

14. Please list all the persons consulted on the decision to release the above information (only position and organization)

This information is exempt under section 40 – Personal Information and section 38 – Health and Safety.

Section 40 – Personal Information

This exempts personal data if disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018. By disclosing two identifiers (organisation and position within it) any individuals who have been consulted could be identified. This exempts personal data being shared if disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles in Schedule 1 to the DPA. Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption, which does not require a public interest test.

Section 38 – Health and Safety

Prevent is part of the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy and those involved with it are engaged in reducing the terrorist threat to the UK. There is a risk that individuals or groups seeking to undermine the UK's counter terror strategy could target people who were consulted in answering this FOI as anyone who is consulted would have some responsibility for delivering Prevent. An additional concern is that if individuals know that they could potentially be identified by information released via FOI this would negatively impact their mental wellbeing.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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Coventry Channel Panel - OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT DECLARATION

Declaration to be signed by all persons attending the Coventry Channel Panel, dated: **DATE**

My attention has been drawn to the provisions of the Official Secrets Act 1911, 1920 and 1989, and I am fully aware of the serious consequences which may follow any breach of those provisions.

I understand that the sections of the OSA cover material published in a speech, lecture or radio or television broadcast, or in the Press or in book form. I am aware that I should not divulge any information gained by me as a result of my appointment, to any unauthorised persons, either orally or in writing, without the previous official sanction in writing by the Chief Officer of Police.

I understand also that I am liable to be prosecuted if I publish without official sanction any information I may acquire in the course of my duties as a panel member who is security cleared (unless it has already officially been made public) or retain without official sanction any sketch, plan, model, article, note or official documents which are no longer needed for my duties, and that these provisions apply not only during the period of my membership but also thereafter.

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Channel Chair: Signature and Date:

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This act will be referenced at the beginning of each virtual Channel Panel meeting and attendees will give their verbal agreement. This will continue until such time that we return to face to face meetings.

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Channel Support Consent Form

Channel

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults is everyone's responsibility. Local authorities have a statutory duty to safeguard children, young people and adults in relation to their social services function. Channel is part of this responsibility. Channel is a programme which provides support at an early stage to individuals who may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.

- Participation in Channel is voluntary. We will only offer you a support package if you (or your parent/guardian) consents to receiving support.
- We are offering you support via a Channel intervention. This offer is being made following concerns regarding a risk of radicalisation, being drawn into terrorism or supporting terrorism. The tailored safeguarding package we are offering is designed to safeguard you (or your dependent) from the risk of radicalisation.
- Consent must be given by you (or your parent/guardian) for any support to be put in place.
- If you consent, you are able to subsequently withdraw consent at any time.

Consent statement

- *I, _____ agree to receive support via Channel.*
- OR
- *I, _____ agree to my dependent _____ receiving support via Channel.*
 - *I understand the content of this form, and the purpose for which I am providing consent.*
 - *I understand that Channel is a voluntary process, from which I can withdraw consent at any time by contacting _____ [insert name and contact information of case officer].*

Name	Signature	Date