



Police Led Partnerships (PLPs)



What are PLPs?

Police-led Partnership (PLP) is the management of individuals, groups or institutions that are not suitable for Channel, but which have identified Prevent-relevant needs requiring safeguarding support or mitigation, led by Police but working in partnership with other agencies including sometimes health practitioners.

They exist across all local authority areas although some of them will be based on a county-wide model

Why do we need PLPs?

Prevent is a multi-agency approach to supporting and safeguarding people at risk of radicalisation. This requires Police to work: in partnership with other agencies including the local authority and health.

Channel is the preferred safeguarding route for all individuals entering into Prevent. However, because it is an overt and voluntary programme, this can sometimes be an unsuitable option for some cases. These cases can include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following scenarios:

- The vulnerable individual refuses to engage with a voluntary Channel support plan but still needs to be safeguarded and the counter terrorism risk needs to be managed.
- The individual is a radicaliser / extremist groomer whose activities need disrupting.
- There is a criminal investigation that restricts the ability of police or other partners to obtain consent from the individual to participate in Channel.

So who is involved in a Police-Led Partnership Panel?

Police will lead PLP Panels BUT are very likely to involve appropriate non-police partners. The Panels generally involve the same partners that sit within a **Channel Multi agency Panel**, including health, education and local authority. However these are separate meetings and PLPs are often held immediately after a Channel Panel to enable partner attendance.

The PLP Panel attendance is always decided according to the needs of the particular case and there are no standing membership other than the police. This ensures that only the relevant organisations or individuals are involved for each scheduled meeting.

How does a PLP Panel meeting work?

A PLP Panel is held on a monthly basis for all PLP cases in that local authority area. They are chaired by a police officer at Inspector rank or above.

For each PLP panel case discussed, an up to date risk and vulnerability assessment will have been completed. As with Channel panels, the cases will be discussed amongst partners to reach a decision on how the individual can be supported and their vulnerability to radicalisation reduced.



Its all about managing the risk....

Where it is not possible to manage an individual within Channel, the risk and vulnerability cannot be ignored.

In such cases the PLP process will provide management and mitigation through multi-agency safeguarding support, disruptive activities, or it could be a combination of these.

What about Data Sharing?

The same governance and rigour applies to PLP Panel meetings as with Channel multi-agency panels and all conversations and data sharing are fully compliant with the Data Protection Act 2018/General Data Protection Regulations and Human Rights Act 1998.

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