

PREVENT IN DEVON AND TORBAY

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Prevent

- Part of Government's Contest Strategy – the national Counter-Terrorism strategy
- Targeted at **safeguarding** individuals who are adopting extremist views that could lead to inciting hatred or taking violent action
- Working closely with other agencies and our communities to identify individuals who may need our support.

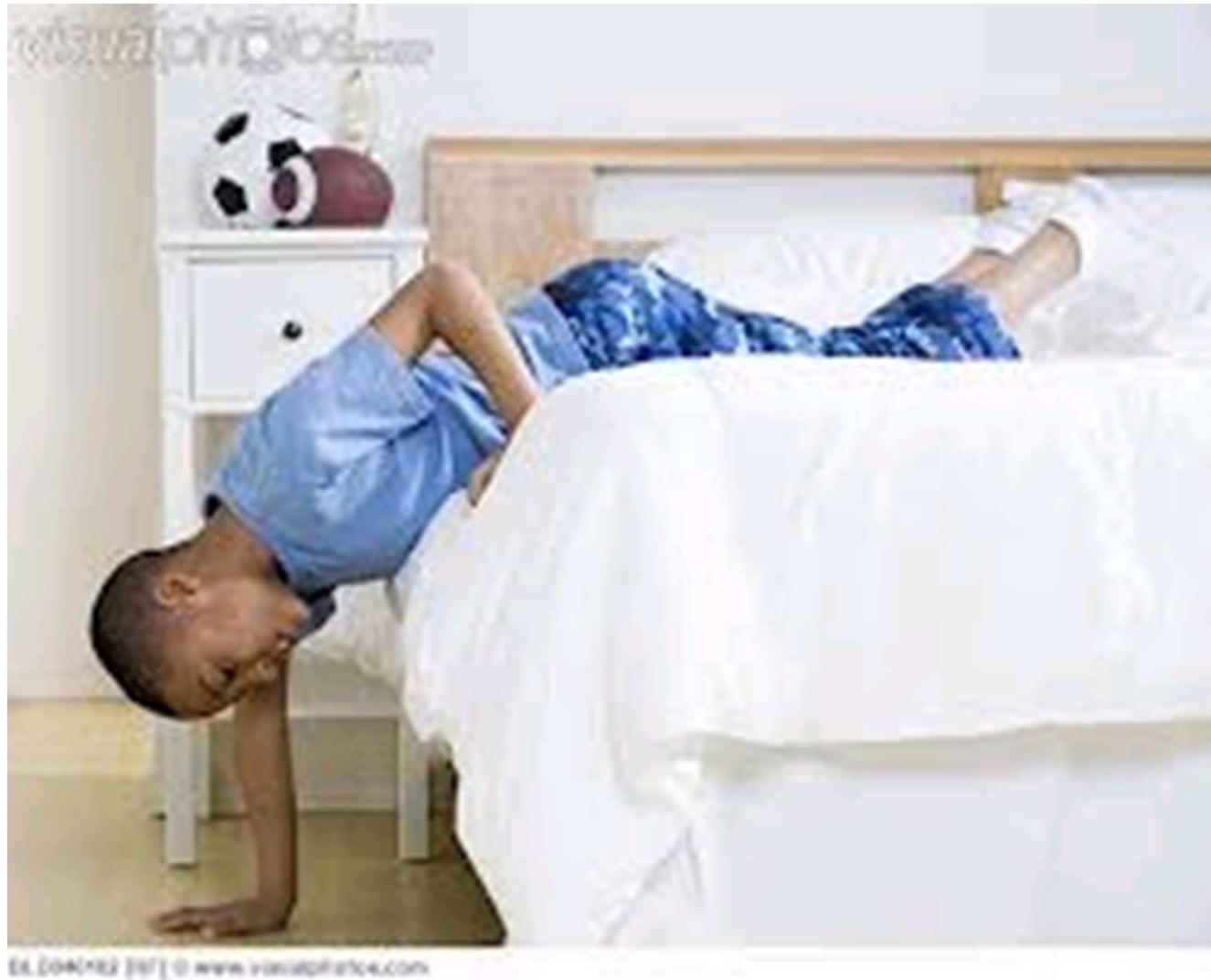
Where are we now – in Devon?

- The message is getting out there
- All schools in Devon have had the opportunity for one or more members of staff to attend WRAP training
- Training will be offered to providers and third sector bodies
- Opportunities are being pursued with partners to reinforce messages

Challenges

- ‘It doesn’t happen in Devon’
- ‘It only relates to Islamic extremism’
- Government statements that link Prevent with Islamic extremism paying only lip service to the wider issues
- Press reports – ‘terrorist house’
- Working with the wider community
- Reinforcing the messages

What it isn't



Where does the threat come from?

- Nationally the concern is about international terrorists linked to or influenced by ISIS
- In Devon:
 - Extreme right wing groups
 - Single subject campaigns – animal rights for example
 - Some recent evidence of more influence from ISIS through clever communications
- ...but cannot ignore the chance that individuals are open to influence from the internet and can be a threat

Why we cannot be complacent



Extremism itself is not a crime



Why don't people share concerns?



Why would you refer?

- You may be aware of a family member, friend, associate who is expressing hatred and violence towards a particular section of society – in a way that you think that they may be vulnerable to exploitation by others, or that they might take action to support their views
- Someone in the community shares concerns with you that you feel should be followed up by people who are able to help

How do you refer?

- A message to the Police – 101 – or local Police officer
- A national website for referrals
- Crimestoppers
- MASH

What happens after a referral?

- Police make initial checks
- Where an individual is identified as being of concern then a Channel Panel is formed
- Multi Agency
- Focus is to provide support for individual to intervene and assist them away from views/actions
- **Safeguarding**