The Management of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism in Correctional Services: Developments in England and Wales

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Defining Features of Overall Approach

Shared Language & Processes in Custody and Community

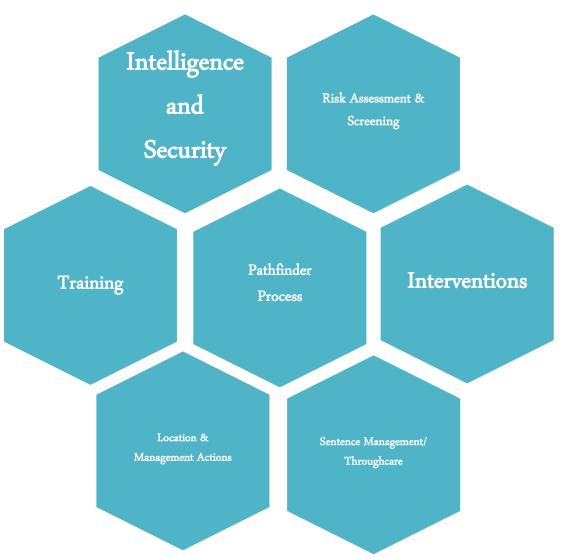
Shared Language and Processes across Criminal Justice Agencies,
Including Home Office Prevent Programme

Managing Radicalisation and Violent Extremism

Accommodating issues within existing frameworks but also through tailored policies, processes and practices

Implementing social, psychological and theological approaches

Areas of Development



Example Approaches

Processes

- Pathfinder Process
- Multi-Agency Public Protection Arrangements

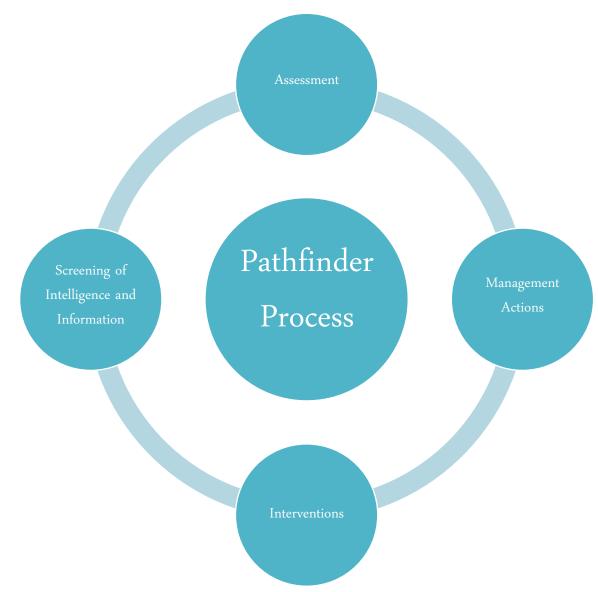
Assessments

- Extremism Risk Guidelines (ERG 22+) Vulnerability Assessment Framework (VAF) in Channel Programme
- Extremism Risk Screen (ERS)

Interventions

- Healthy Identity Intervention (HII)
- Developing Dialogues (DD) Adapted version for use in community Channel Programme

Pathfinder Process



Key Issues

Demarcating Cultural vs Individual Security vs Opportunity Engagement/ Approaches Disengagement Pathways Maintaining Staff Accommodating Context 'What Works' Resilience

Key Questions

•	To what extent should resources seek to target 'problematic' individuals or build resilient cultures?
•	How can obstacles be overcome to optimise opportunities for disengagement whilst effectively managing risk?
•	What steps can be taken to improve the screening/assessment of why offenders appear to be interested or involved in extremist ideas, groups or causes (identification vs opportunism
•	How can the context in which 'concerning' behaviours occur be appropriately acknowledged and understood as part of screening or assessment processes?
•	What steps can be taken to ensure staff remain resilient in working constructively with extremist offenders (or those interested/involved in extremist groups, causes or ideas)?

How can approaches be more systematically developed and delivered on principles or evidence of 'What Works' to help prevent ideology from compromising efficacy?

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