

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR HOME AFFAIRS
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2019**

Question

What support, if any, is available to people who suspect someone is being radicalised (whether it be religiously or politically) and what reporting mechanisms, if any, are in place for the reporting of suspicions of radicalism?

Answer

If someone suspects that a person is being radicalised then I recommend that they contact the States of Jersey Police (SOJP).

The SOJP use the UK Counter Terrorism Strategy known as CONTEST in order to help deal with matters relating to international or left or right wing terrorism. CONTEST is divided into four strands, one of which, PREVENT, is intended to safeguard and support those vulnerable to radicalisation, to stop them from becoming terrorists or supporting extremism.

In Jersey, the approach to PREVENT is an evolving area of Police work. It is pragmatic and proportionate to reflect and respect our diverse community. In order to do so effectively, a local profile has been prepared to assist law enforcement organisations and their partners with the early identification of potential signs of extremism or radicalisation.

Upon receipt of any referral, specially trained local officers will assess any threat, risk or harm identified and make an assessment to help manage any situation being presented on a case by case basis. As mental health frequently features in these cases, there will likely be multi-agency involvement and engagement. Where necessary, additional specialist UK Home Office accredited Intervention Providers can be invited to Jersey to help manage particularly difficult cases.

The aims and objectives of PREVENT are to defuse any extremism or radicalisation through the effective personalised management of an individual, to allow them to assess that their own conduct has stepped outside the boundaries of accepted behaviour, before using the criminal justice system to address that conduct.