

# Counter Terrorism Local Guidance: 2021

(Sourced from Humberside CTLP 2020-21)

## Humberside Force Area



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NORTH EAST



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The threat to the UK from international terrorism is currently SEVERE, this means an attack is highly likely.

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# Counter Terrorism Local Profile 2020-21

- The Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) looks to highlight the threats and vulnerabilities from terrorism and extremism within Humberside. This subsidiary local guidance document takes the key themes from the CTLP that can be shared, to inform and engage a wider audience.
- Whilst the CTLP is produced by the Police, information provided by both police and partners should highlight any current and emerging themes or vulnerabilities in local radicalisation and extremism. Indicating whether the threats, risks and vulnerabilities have changed or remained the same.
- Despite the difficulties of the Pandemic for the Public and Organisations alike, the suspected increase in Online Extremism is a significant concern and steps to liaise with those you may have concern about is essential to identify any risk early to Prevent.

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# New groups/ideologies that could impact Humberside in 2021:

## **Patriotic Alternative**

Patriotic Alternative (White Nationalist group) was gathering momentum prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is led by a former BNP director based in Leeds. They market their material to a high standard with slick videos and online presence. In August they projected "White Lives Matter" on the Dover cliffs with supporters unfurling banners at other iconic UK Location. In Hull as recently as October, there were leaflets dropped featuring the extinction of the white race by 2066 and COVID conspiracy theories of government control. The main aim of Patriotic alternative is try and unify the extreme identitarian groups and bring more political type activists on board with their opinions. Significantly they have done a large overt leaflet drop in the East Hull area and will likely target Humberside again in the future.

## **Identity England:**

Former leaders of the Far Right Identitarian movement Generation Identity have re launched in the UK as Identity England. The leader of Identity England vows the group aims to "Defends English Culture" and "Stop the Great Replacement", in order to protect the rights of English people. They claim that mass immigration and Islamisation are wholly detrimental to English culture. The group launched in London on 10th October 2020, which saw key activists unfurled a large banner over Westminster Bridge with the slogan "STOP THE GREAT REPLACEMENT, DEFEND ENGLISH CULTURE". The group are promoting and encouraging membership within the UK, particularly focussing on University campuses where stickering is already visible in some parts of the UK. The group's social media footprint is well established across platforms since its recent launch.

**COVID & 5g Conspiracy:** various versions but most along the lines of that radiation from mobile communications is influencing the human body on a molecular level (suggesting it is ionising radiation), but also inhibiting the immune system. The spread of the coronavirus around the world is thanks to the presence of 5G technology and it preventing the body from fighting the virus. Other widely circulated theories include:

- Bio-engineered virus
- Chinese biological weapon
- Jewish origin
- Anti-Muslim
- Population-control scheme

**QANoN:** is a far-right conspiracy theory alleging that a cabal of Satan-worshipping paedophiles is running a global child sex-trafficking ring and plotting against US President Donald Trump, who is battling against the cabal. The theory also commonly asserts that Trump is planning a day of reckoning known as "The Storm", when thousands of members of the cabal will be arrested.



# Humberside Risk

- A low complexity attack (Knife/Vehicle) remains the most probable terrorist threat to members of the public living in the Humberside area.
- Aspirational targets for Islamic Extremism remain a threat to general members of the public. (Arena's/Events/Transport Hubs)
- Extreme Right Wing (XRW) attacks and overt activity have the potential to develop through 2021, most likely against minority groups and locations.
- The continually evolving online environment provides the most effective opportunity for radicalisation and promotion of all forms of extremism targeting younger people, particularly with increased, isolated time online through the Pandemic.
- Whilst the direct ISIS threat has diminished, Islamist related extremism remains strong in the U.K.
- The emergence of "No Ideology" vulnerabilities is significant, For example, Prevent considerations do not need to be distinctly Neo-Nazi or ISIS related. Someone vulnerable to radicalisation of any sort is of concern.
- The increasing online identities, for example "Incels", is creating echo chambers for all grievances against society and remain problematic for radicalisation.
- There are a number of conspiracy theories circulating that are gathering traction in the U.K, most prominent of these is QANoN with some cross cutting into Far Right ideology aswell.

## 2020/2021 Priority Areas:

1. Online Extremism
2. Self-Initiated Terrorism (Lone Actors)
3. White Supremacy / White Nationalism
4. Islamic Extremism/Terrorism
5. LASIT (inc Incel & Mixed, Unclear, Unstable Ideology)
6. Kurdish Separatism

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# What can you do?

- Recognise Prevent is relevant to all situations.
- Understand your referral pathways in your area of work.
- Who are your Prevent Champions, how can they be identified?
- Understand some of the key signals of a Self Initiated Terrorist (Lone Actor):
  - Personal grievance
  - Feelings of inadequacy
  - Desensitised to violence
  - Escalation / de-escalation in overt behaviour
  - Fixation
  - Deviance
  - Social exclusion

## Glossary:

**CT:** Counter Terrorism  
**DE:** Domestic Extremism  
**XRW:** Extreme Right Wing  
**XLW:** Extreme Left Wing  
**FR:** Far Right  
**ALM:** AL-Muhajiroun  
**ISIS:** Islamic State of Iraq & Syria

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# COMMUNITIES DEFEAT TERRORISM

## MAKE NOTHING HAPPEN

If you see or hear something that could be terrorist related,  
act on your instincts and call the police, in confidence



**If non-urgent E-Mail:**  
[prevent@humberside.pnn.police.uk](mailto:prevent@humberside.pnn.police.uk)

[www.humberside.police.uk/terrorism](http://www.humberside.police.uk/terrorism)

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