



National Offender
Management Service

NOMS Provisions for Extremist Offenders and those of Concern

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Presentation Overview

- What we know about Extremism
- Assessment
- Interventions
- Radicalisation

What does the evidence say in relation to Extremism?

- No single explanation
- Cross-government agencies - engagement, identification, intent and capability dimensions
- Engagement is a process
- Identity is central to the processes of engagement, identification and disengagement
- Psychological processes involved in engagement and identification are similar across various forms of extremism
- Individuals disengage through a process not dissimilar to that of engaging – by means of a gradual series of steps and commitments
- Reflection, creating and exploring doubt, reviewing commitments, promoting positive aspects of identity all encourage desistance/disengagement
- ‘What works’ literature has applicability e.g. Good Lives Model/Desistance Literature
- Changing ideology alone is unlikely to work

Definitions

Engagement – process whereby individual becomes interested in, or associated with, and/or forms a commitment to an extremist group, cause and/or set of ideas.

Identification – process whereby an individual comes to define who they are, and what they stand for based on a group, cause and/or ideology.

Criminal vs non-criminal [pathways](#) into extremism.

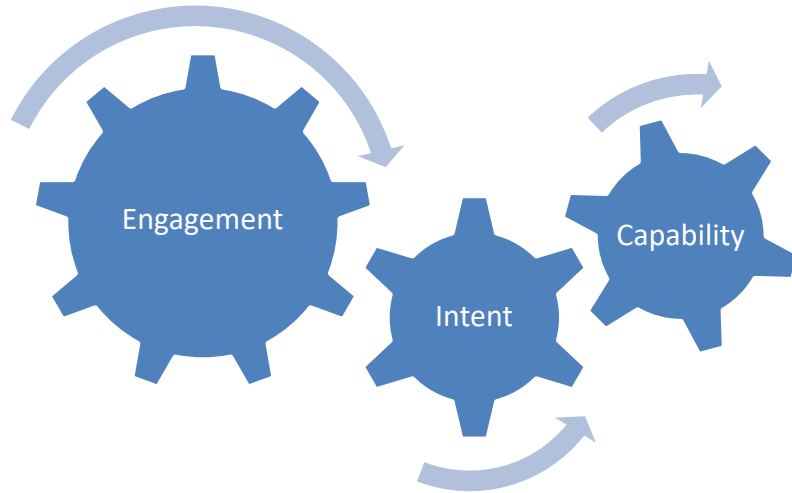
Engagement vs Identification.

Intent – an individual's mental state of readiness to support and/or use illegal means, and/or violence to further the goals of an extremist group, cause and/or ideology.

Capability – an individual's capacity to commit an offence and/or harm others on behalf of an extremist group, cause and/or ideology.

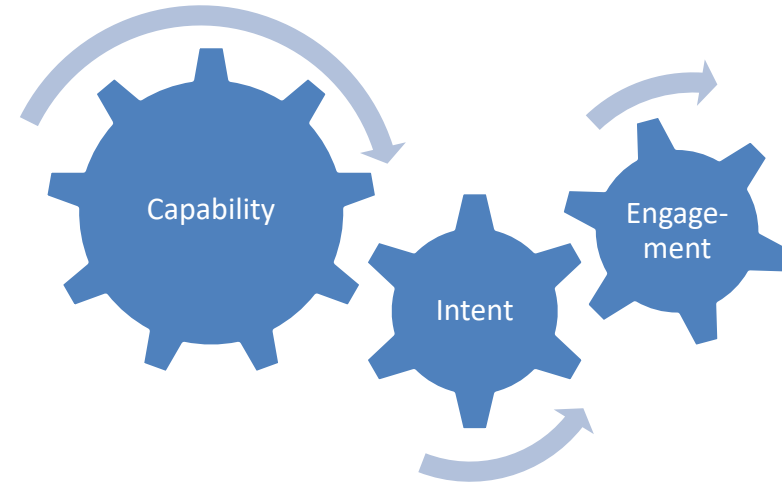
Pathways into Extremism

Non-Criminal Pathway



- ▶ A process whereby inhibitions against offending/causing harm are gradually overcome; *“socialisation into terrorism”*
- ▶ Pathway predominantly taken by religiously, politically and/or ideologically motivated individuals

Criminal Pathway



- ▶ Pathway predominantly taken by those motivated by self-interest, criminality and/or violence

Assessment

- **Extremism Risk Guidelines (ERG)**
 - ✓ TACT Offenders
 - ✓ Those of serious Concern
 - ✓ Who, When & Where?
- **Extremism Risk Screening (ERS)**
 - ✓ Those of Concern
 - ✓ Those for which only intelligence exists
 - ✓ Who, When & Where?

Interventions

- Healthy Identity Interventions (HII)
 - ✓ TACT Offenders
 - ✓ Those for whom an ERG has been Completed
- Developing Dialogues (DD)
 - ✓ Those of Concern
 - ✓ Some TACT offenders
 - ✓ Those for whom an ERS has been Completed (and an ERG in certain circumstances)
- Other Interventions (including IM)

Radicalisation

- Research ongoing to assess extent of this Problem
- Custody
 - ✓ Pathfinder
 - ✓ Intelligence
 - ✓ ERS
 - ✓ RCTC's
- Probation
 - ✓ ERS
 - ✓ PCTL's