2020

PREVENT WATCH

5 years of supporting people impacted by the PREVENT duty
Under the Government’s PREVENT Duty, more than 5 million public sector workers have been trained to spot signs of extremism. Each year there have been thousands of PREVENT referrals but over 90% are false referrals.

We all have the right to non-discrimination, respect for private and family life, and to freedom of expression among other rights. The PREVENT duty conflicts with so many of our basic rights and fundamental freedoms. Our community needs to be well informed and supported in order to stop these breaches.

Prevent Watch is a community-led initiative which supports people impacted by Prevent. We empower clients and build confidence in the community by supplying them with the tools they require to combat PREVENT and the environment of fear that it has created.

Established in September 2015, Prevent Watch has supported over 500 cases, and to date remains the only organisation focused on PREVENT. In our 5 years, we have grown from strength to strength and would like to take this opportunity to share some of our work with you.
Our Services

Helpline
We provide a free helpline and support services for people impacted by Prevent.

Lawyers
We maintain a directory of lawyers to support cases and ensure rights are protected.

Media
We raise awareness on Prevent cases via both mainstream and social media.

Reports
We publish reports, briefing papers and media material based on real cases.
56% of Prevent Watch cases are children

We have supported more than 500 people impacted by the PREVENT duty including:

- 296 children
- 215 adults
- 19 organisations
We have worked alongside academics to extrapolate key themes and illuminate previously hidden issues with PREVENT through our case studies.

We have contributed to more than 15 reports including:
We have exposed the failures of PREVENT and shifted the debate by highlighting key cases in the media:
We have built a network of experts to assist us in providing the best support and advice throughout the UK.

42 lawyers

58 community activists

29 academics

17 education experts