

Progress Report Three Year Action Plan for PVE in Peterborough -July 2009

Projects	Current position
<p>Project 1: Imam Training This project offers Imams and Madrassah teachers training in personal development and legislation and policies impacting on their day to day work with the aim to up-skill to become more effective communicators and practitioners</p>	<p>Certificate in training for Muslim Chaplaincy – this course commenced in February 09 and will end in August 09 with certificates for participants. 60 hours of community based work experience has also been completed by participants.</p> <p>Further training development especially in enhancing teaching skills in line with the professional requirement, is being explored.</p>
<p>Project 2: Mosque Governance Project Training of mosque committee members in respect of roles of key committee members, proper record keeping, and preparation of constitutions and registering with Charity Commission as well as succession plan.</p>	<p>Mosque governance Pilot mosque governance training for 10 – 15 Mosque committee members is expected to commence on 12th July 09.</p> <p>Identifying suitable subjects of relevance and interest to committee members is a key challenge.</p>
<p>Project 3: Development of Peterborough Muslim Youth Forum Establishment of Peterborough Muslim Youth Forum (PMYF) to promote positive role models and support individuals. Provision of support for young Muslims through Green Light Model concept. To raise PVE awareness in FE. Establish a system for vulnerable youths. To work with schools and youth services to develop referral systems for front line staff.</p>	<p>This project has been delayed due to complications with recruitment of detached youth worker. The recruiting is now taking place through the Police for a Community Engagement Officer who is expected to start work early August 09.</p> <p>A bid for mobile Imam/Faith Based youth worker has also been made under the Challenge and Innovation Fund to give added support to work with Muslim youths aged 19-24 and in schools/colleges. Result of the bid is expected to be available by the end of July.</p> <p>Channel : Identifying and supporting individuals vulnerable to recruitment by violent extremists Channel has been running in other parts of the country and we are currently working with Police to explore this as a possible project to be delivered locally.</p>
<p>Project 4: Learning Academy A pilot study working with a secondary school to provide Saturday classes for Young people to improve academic attainment and understand role of Islam and citizenship.</p>	<p>This project is not due to start until the coming academic year. Currently we are trying to identify a local secondary school from the Safer Schools Partnership Board. Positive feedback has been received from Jack Hunt and details are to be followed up on a partnership model.</p>
<p>Project 5: Developing DCSF tool kit Facilitate drama clubs in schools to raise awareness</p>	<p>Radical Middle Way (RMW) – A young people’s concert organized in conjunction with youth services and RMW aimed at 16-32 age groups. This was attended by 250 young people hosted by Thomas Deacon</p>

<p>against violent extremism.</p>	<p>Academy. Currently working with Khayaal Theatre Group to carry out a number of performances at local secondary school and colleges.</p> <p>This project is to be tabled for discussion at the next Schools Community Cohesion Group Meeting.</p>
<p>Project 6: Empowering Muslim Women Organizing Muslim Women Forum and enhance capacity to engage with schools persons when necessary.</p> <p>Community development projects to meet the needs of new arrival Muslim community groups such as Afghans, Arab speaking, Kurdish, Somali and others e.g. ESOL. Bi-monthly meeting to discuss topical issues, grievances.</p>	<p>Leadership Empowerment Programme through assistance of IDeA commenced on 30th May. 15 women have been attending the sessions. The Launch of the Women's Forum is scheduled for 30th July 09.</p> <p>Coffee Mornings are running very successfully in Thorpe Primary School.</p> <p>Similar projects including ESOL Classes are scheduled to start in other local schools. Linkages are being strengthened with some schools whilst working towards developing these links with other primary schools.</p> <p>Senior Citizens Women Section is also due to be formed soon in conjunction with the Senior Citizens Association Central Ward.</p> <p>The focus of the work over the next three months will be to organise more ground level activities for wider participation by women from different background. Summer holiday and Ramadan in August-September will pose challenge in this respect.</p>
<p>Project 7: Resilient Families Project Establishing inter-generational forums through senior citizens to promote the message of peace and harmony and facilitate supportive families.</p>	<p>A bid for inter-generation forums to bring young and older members of the community and a project to bring grand-daughters/daughters and mothers together through activities was tabled at FDSG but further fine tuning is necessary. This will be re-submitted after being fine tuned.</p>
<p>Project 8: Taxi drivers projects Establishing Taxi drivers association and providing enhanced training to promote public safety and vigilance against all kind of extremism.</p>	<p>Taxi Consultation Meetings organized by Police with the objective to share experience and understanding, identify key issues have been held over the past two months.</p> <p>Recommendations from PREC following consultation with taxi trade indicated a need for an independent Taxi Forum. Further work is being taken in conjunction with PREC, Taxi trade and local councilors to discuss feasibility of an independent taxi network and identify training needs of the trade.</p>
<p>Project 9: Addressing Grievances Forums To organize frequently thematic forums on issues such as foreign policy, anti-terrorism related police powers, activities of far-right extremists. In special circumstance, such as Gaza</p>	<p>A bid has been submitted under the Challenge and Innovation Fund called Enhancing capabilities of communities to resist violent extremism and air grievances from PREC with the aim to bring community groups and wider communities to air grievances against some of the key subjects that can be sensationalized by critics of the Prevent Strategy to resist its wider application. First session is intended to be held in October/November i.e. after Ramadan finishes in late September.</p>

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<p>Project 10: Perceptions Research A research of attitudes towards Muslim and vice versa to be commissioned to establish baseline and monitor future development.</p> <p>A wider, comprehensive and detailed study of the different Muslim communities that incorporate police information to be completed with a full strategic assessment.</p>	<p>Action to commission a research of attitudes towards Muslims and vice versa is intended by end of 2009.</p> <p>Outline of the study is to be prepared and tabled for further discussion.</p> <p>Counter Terrorists Local Profiles have been compiled by Police and discussed at Chief Executive level.</p>
<p>Project 11 Strategic Communications</p>	<p>A Communication Strategy in conjunction with RICU (Research, Information and Communications Unit, Home Office) and GO-East is currently being prepared for conveying key messages through local networks to all communities.</p>
<p>Project 12 Preparation of quarterly newsletter to keep community apprised of all projects and key messages of peace and harmony.</p>	<p>A Peterborough Muslim communities Network website has been developed and intended to be launched together with the Peterborough Muslim Women Forum on 30 July.</p> <p>This gives coverage on what activity and projects are running in the local community i.e. Women's Forum, Coffee Morning and etc.</p>
<p>Project 13 Training of front line staff about PVE issues and understanding Muslim community</p>	<p>IDeA workshops delivered on Prevent objectives and awareness on drivers of violent extremism to the following partners: Heads of Services, Partners/managers of Services and members frontline staff.</p> <p>A total of around 130 people people from a cross section of the local authority attended.</p> <p>Currently in process of developing local PVE network of partners who are delivering PVE projects.</p> <p>National Policing Improvement Agency (NPIA) has also delivered a session on raising awareness around identifying behaviour that might indicate violent extremist tendencies to be identified, referred, assessed and addressed. This session was aimed at youth workers in partnership with Children and Young People Services. A total of 9 officers attended.</p> <p>Follow up sessions with other partner agencies including NHS, Environment Services, Neighbourhood teams, Third Sector and others are to be explored.</p>
<p>Jigsaw Youth Justice Board Project (under purview of Youth Offending Services)</p>	<p>The project has the following key themes:</p> <p>Prison Development framework: No development this month but previously meetings with prisons have been arranged through PREC.</p> <p>School Workshops: 2 Referrals from a local school after distribution of PVE toolkit have been received till date.</p>

	<p>Workshops for young people: First 12-weeks workshop for girls which provides enrichment for young people through the medium of performing arts is commencing on 6 July. Similar workshop for boys is also intended in due course.</p> <p>Young Pakistani Achievement Award: Awards for academic attainment/achievement among Key stage 2 (who achieve a level 5 in all three core subjects of English, Mathematics and Science) and three highest performing GCSE students from each of the local secondary schools as well as students who achieve three A's at A level are to be considered.</p> <p>Detached Youth Work: Once a week this work has been carried out within the Central Ward and especially proven effective after a murder case in the area in February.</p> <p>Action Is in progress to recruit 30 hours of sessional work to plan and develop interventions. Recruitment process is being held in July.</p>
<p>Conclusion</p>	<p>Review of 3 Year Action Plan</p> <p>NI 35 Assessment Framework</p> <p>The process of self-assessment against the NI 35 NI 35: Building Resilience to violent extremism was undertaken during the month of April to assess how well we are performing in delivering activity to prevent violent extremism this year. There are four criteria (below) for assessment and Peterborough scored on the basis of clear evidence on the level of progress achieved so far.</p> <p><u>Four Criteria</u></p> <p>Understanding of, and engagement with, Muslim communities - <u>Score 2.5</u></p> <p>Knowledge and understanding of the drivers and causes of violent extremism and the - <u>Score 2.5</u></p> <p>Development of a risk-based preventing violent extremism action plan, in support of - <u>Score 3</u></p> <p>Effective oversight, delivery and evaluation of projects and actions - <u>Score 2</u></p> <p>The overall target for 2009 was 2.5 which has been achieved and the target for 2010 is 3.</p> <p>Home Office has recently published a number of local authority</p>

PVE action plans as good example. Peterborough PVE action plan is one of these good examples.

Further action to fine tune action plan will be continued based on police information around local profile and local vulnerabilities index.

Work on all 13 projects has commenced and is making smooth progress, albeit slower in some than others. Project 1 (Imams Training), Project 6 (Women Forum) and Project 13 (Training of front-line staff) are progressing very well. Progress on Project 3 Youth activities has been slower due to lack of committed resources from mainstream or added provision except Youth Justice Board project (Jigsaw) as stated above. Community Engagement Officer post with provision for work with youth and other aspects of the community has been advertised by Police. A bid has also been made through Challenge and Innovation Fund for mobile Imam/faith-based youth worker to focus on work with 19-24 as well as schools and colleges. It is considered important that existing successful programmes such as Unity, Unity Peacemakers and other mainstream provisions of youth services incorporate the Prevent strategy in their action plan and designate a Youth Service PVE Lead.

There are new monies being made available to schools and Colleges in the East of England region to develop forums for young people. This would be a good opportunity for Safer Schools Partnership to put in a bid for this money to develop these forums. It is expected that time frame will be short so work in partnership with Safer Schools and Police is commencing soon.

A community engagement network with different projects has been recommended under the PVE action plan. This is termed as a Muslim Community Reference Group. Following discussion, invitations have been sent out to Mosques, Imams, Councillors, Women Forum and ethnic community groups as available to discuss draft terms of reference as prepared based on earlier discussion and good practices nationally. First meeting of the MCRG is expected to be held in July, 2009.