



Lincolnshire Counter Terrorism Priorities for 2023

Counter Terrorism Policing East Midlands has produced this 'Official'-level document to give a brief overview of the identified terrorism risk in your local area. This includes extracts from the full Counter Terrorism Local Profile (CTLP) document, and encompasses the four strands of the CONTEST strategy; Prevent, Pursue, Protect and Prepare.

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Overview

The Counter Terrorism Local Priorities for 2023 in **Lincolnshire** are:

- Self-Initiated Terrorists (S-ITs)
- Extreme Right Wing Terrorism
- Prison extremists and releases

Referrals into Lincolnshire Prevent have increased by 4% on the previous year. Schools provided the majority of these referrals, followed by policing.

The highest number of referrals were received from Lincoln city and East Lindsey, and South Kesteven.

ERWT is the recurring dominant established ideology recorded within Lincolnshire Prevent casework, with most relating to individuals under the age of 25.

The concerns reported to Lincolnshire Prevent during this period relate to an interest, support or possessing material relating to Nazism, interest or possession of weapons, comments made to join a ERW group and expressing extreme racist views.

Half of individuals with an ERWT ideology have been influenced through online methods.

If you have concerns that someone is heading down a path towards violent extremism, click here to [make a Prevent referral](#).

Neurodiversity and Prevent

Both Nationally and Regionally, Pursue and Prevent have dealt with an increase in individuals with traits linked to neurodiversity.



The reason for this is unclear at present, however this could be due to a raised awareness of conditions and thus an increase in reporting as opposed to an increase in incidence of neurodiversity.

The challenging circumstances and grievances within society, exacerbated by COVID 19, can be exploited by terrorists to promote their brand of extremism.

The collective impact of these factors may make the most vulnerable in society, particularly those with mental health issues and children, more vulnerable to extremist influences.

Although there is currently no evidence to support a direct causal link between mental ill health or neurodiversity and an individual's terrorist threat or vulnerability to radicalisation, further work is needed.



Self Initiated Terrorists

Self initiated terrorism is the greatest terrorist threat to the UK. It is likely that any attack in the UK will be conducted by a S-IT.

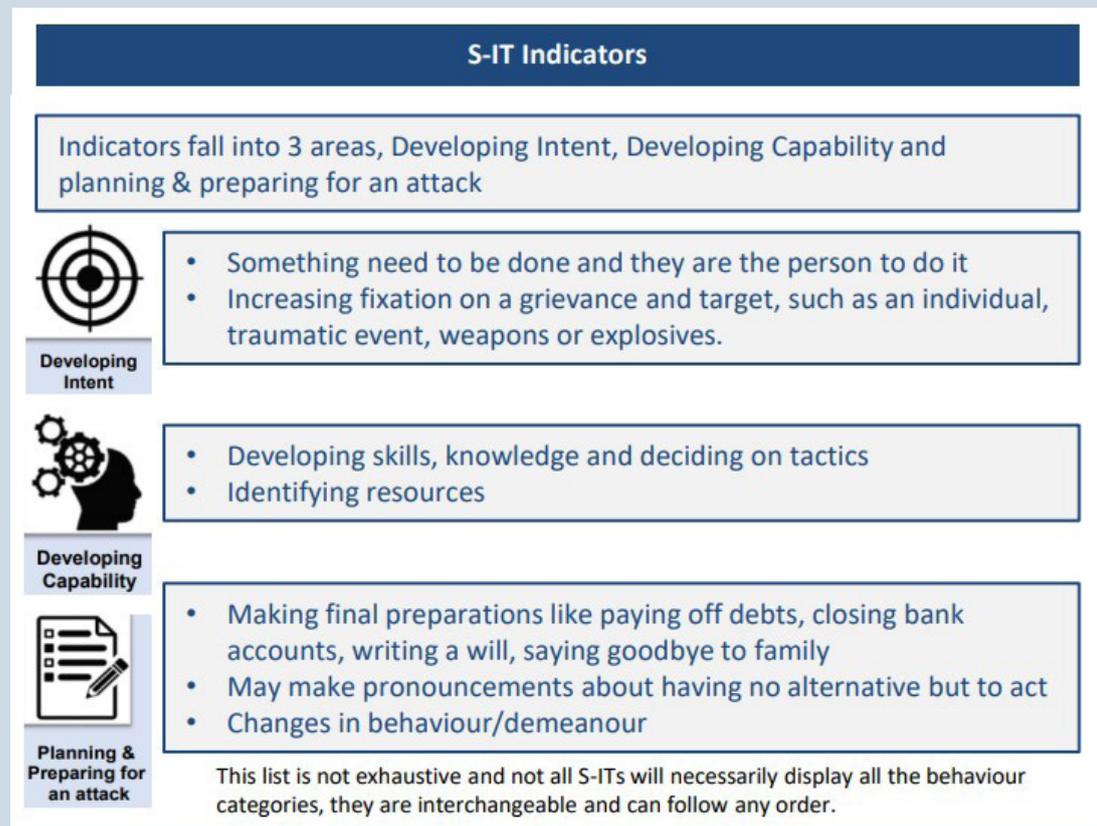
S-ITs are potential terrorists who act alone and are difficult to identify. Islamist terrorist groups overseas, most notably Al-Qaeda and ISIL, continue to pose a threat from inspiring would be attackers through radicalisation.

Self-initiated Terrorists (S-ITs) are the most dominant CT threat to the UK. They are individuals who plan attacks independently of a terrorist network.

Attacks are often of low sophistication, not requiring much preparation, specialist skills or access to prohibited weapons.

The nature of individuals acting alone makes identification difficult, so early identification is key.

Please see this graphic for some of the key signs to look out for.



Extreme Right Wing Terrorism

Extreme Right Wing Terrorism (ERWT) activity in Lincolnshire is mostly online involving young people inspired by conspiracy theories and racist stereotypes about ethnic minorities. Many believe that violent action to protect white people is justified.

There are few organised groups, but a lot of extreme views and instructions about making and using weapons shared online. Most ERWT investigations in the last 12 months were looking at people collecting and sharing these high-risk documents.

There are very few examples of people using these documents to plan a terrorist attack and overall there is a low level of capability or intent to act violently seen in Lincolnshire.

The greatest threat is from someone acting independently (a Self-Initiated Terrorist), using a simple attack method, and targeting an ethnic minority or a person that they hold a grievance against.

ERWT activity in the East Midlands is predominantly online. It often involves young people inspired by conspiracies and racist stereotypes about ethnic minorities, who believe that violent action to protect white people is justified.

ERWT Prevent concerns have been identified in all districts across the county. The themes present this year are the sharing of material online, posting extremist views or showing support for ERWT groups.

Extremism in Prisons

There are three prisons in Lincolnshire: Lincoln, North Sea Camp, and Morton Hall.

All three hold only male, adult prisoners.



In the last 12 months there have been people with a violent Islamist mindset. It is not thought they have influenced others.

While there is no evidence of groups forming around ERWT ideologies, some individuals might have tried to promote their violent beliefs.

A significant number of the counter terrorism investigations in Lincolnshire in the last year have involved people in prison or recently released from prison. A small number of extremists will be leaving prison to live in Lincolnshire next year, and there needs to be a considerable effort to manage the threat.

The problem of extremism in prisons is enduring. It is one of the most likely sources of a terrorist attack in the UK, and is believed it presents a genuine terrorism threat to Lincolnshire.

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If you are starting on your security journey, the ACT Awareness e-learning package is a good place to start.

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The app contains numerous useful videos, documents and guidance as well as contact details for NaCTSO and other key agencies.

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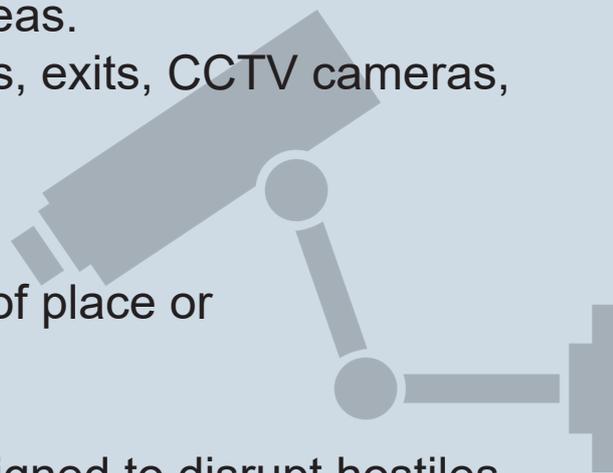


Hostile reconnaissance

Budding terrorists conduct research as part of their attack planning.

Signs to look out for include:

- Loitering in restricted or non-public areas.
- Observing or photographing entrances, exits, CCTV cameras, security features or staff.
- Asking unusual questions.
- Hiding their faces or using a disguise.
- Vehicles retracing routes, parked out of place or abandoned.



Security-Minded communications is designed to disrupt hostiles and to make a hostile believe that if they were to choose your organisation or event as a place to attack, they will almost certainly fail.

Find out more on the [CPNI website](#), and remember, in the rare event of a terrorist attack:

RUN - to a place of safety. This is a better option than to surrender or negotiate. If there's nowhere to go, then...

HIDE - Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can.

TELL - the police by calling 999 when it is safe to do so.

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