



Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015

2015 CHAPTER 6

PART 5

RISK OF BEING DRAWN INTO TERRORISM

CHAPTER 2

SUPPORT ETC FOR PEOPLE VULNERABLE TO BEING DRAWN INTO TERRORISM

36 Assessment and support: local panels

- (1) Each local authority must ensure that a panel of persons is in place for its area—
 - (a) with the function of assessing the extent to which identified individuals are vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism, and
 - (b) with the other functions mentioned in subsection (4).
- (2) “Identified individual”, in relation to a panel, means an individual who is referred to the panel by a chief officer of police [^{F1}, or by a local authority,] for an assessment of the kind mentioned in subsection (1)(a).
- (3) A chief officer of police [^{F2} or a local authority] may refer an individual to a panel only if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the individual is vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.
- (4) The functions of a panel referred to in subsection (1)(b) are—
 - (a) to prepare a plan in respect of identified individuals who the panel considers should be offered support for the purpose of reducing their vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism;
 - (b) if the necessary consent is given, to make arrangements for support to be provided to those individuals in accordance with their support plan;
 - (c) to keep under review the giving of support to an identified individual under a support plan;

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- (d) to revise a support plan, or withdraw support under a plan, if at any time the panel considers it appropriate;
 - (e) to carry out further assessments, after such periods as the panel considers appropriate, of an individual's vulnerability to being drawn into terrorism in cases where—
 - (i) the necessary consent is refused or withdrawn to the giving of support under a support plan, or
 - (ii) the panel has determined that support under a plan should be withdrawn;
 - (f) to prepare a further support plan in such cases if the panel considers it appropriate.
- (5) A support plan must include the following information—
- (a) how, when and by whom a request for the necessary consent is to be made;
 - (b) the nature of the support to be provided to the identified individual;
 - (c) the persons who are to be responsible for providing it;
 - (d) how and when such support is to be provided.
- (6) Where in the carrying out of its functions under this section a panel determines that support should not be given to an individual under a support plan, the panel—
- (a) must consider whether the individual ought to be referred to a provider of any health or social care services, and
 - (b) if so, must make such arrangements as the panel considers appropriate for the purpose of referring the individual.
- (7) In exercising its functions under this section a panel must have regard to any guidance given by the Secretary of State about the exercise of those functions.
- (8) Before issuing guidance under subsection (7) the Secretary of State must (whether before or after this Act is passed) consult—
- (a) the Welsh Ministers so far as the guidance relates to panels in Wales;
 - (b) the Scottish Ministers so far as the guidance relates to panels in Scotland;
 - (c) any person whom the Secretary of State considers appropriate.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 36(2) inserted (12.4.2019) by [Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 20(3), 27(3)**
- F2** Words in s. 36(3) inserted (12.4.2019) by [Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 \(c. 3\)](#), **ss. 20(4), 27(3)**
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 36 in force at 12.4.2015, see s. 52(2)(a)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 31(1)(ba) inserted by [2023 c. 16 Sch. para. 15\(2\)\(b\)](#)