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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NUMBER: 2763/2026

Thank you for your request for information regarding NPCC guidance and policies of ideologies or concerns, which has now been considered.

Applicant Question:

This request follows your response to another freedom-of-information request, FOI 2730/2026, dated 19 January 2026. In this response, you state that you hold no specific policies regarding the treatment of 'Northern Ireland related concerns' for the purposes of the Prevent counter-extremism programme.

We request that you disclose:

1. The names of any 'ideologies' or 'concerns' for which you have specific guidance or policies;
2. Any such guidance or policies on specific 'ideologies' or 'concerns' covered by part (1) of this request; and
3. Any policy or guidance documents which explain the meaning of 'Northern Ireland Related – Dissident Republican Extremism' and 'Northern Ireland Related – Unionist/Loyalist Extremism'.

NPCC Response:

1. The NPCC does hold information captured by part one of your request.

CTPHQ holds a document titled PCMTe Ideology Category Definitions which provides the following:

The following names of 'ideologies' are as follows:

- Islamist Extremism
- ERW
- Northern Ireland Related-Dissident Republican Extremism
- Northern Ireland Related – Unionist/Loyalist Extremism
- LWE

- Anarchist Extremism
 - Environmental Extremism
 - InCel Extremism
 - Pro-Khalistan Extremism (PKE)
 - Hindutva Extremism
2. The NPCC does hold information captured by part two of your request and I have provided the document referred to above in full. The document is not a branded file because it was never designed to be published, the document is embedded into the Prevent Case Management Tracker (PCMT).

The document sets out guidance for case officers in how best to categorise all referrals into Prevent.

Within the document, CTPHQ Prevent colleagues are directed to the CTCO Guide for further guidance in **attributing** ideology categories.

For convenience and ease of reference, I have provided the information provided to you previously along with other Prevent information as detailed below which included CTCO Guidance as part of your response reference 2260/2026:

2260/2025 Prevent Policy or Guidance for referral (referencing 224/2023 and 028/2024 (attached)
2290/2025 PCMT Data Queries
2351/2025 Prevent Case Management Tracker
2465/2025 Prevent Education Data
2506/2025 Prevent Case Management
2536/2025 Palestine Action & Prevent
2643/2025 Mistaken, Misinformed or Malicious Prevent Referrals
2730/2026 Prevent – Northern Ireland

I wish to stress that the categories by themselves i.e. 'parent category' requires a 'extremism' element, for example, 'Islamism' by itself isn't a Prevent issue, 'Islamist extremism' is. The ideological categories were devised with the Home Office who ratified their title and description.

3. The NPCC does not hold recorded information captured by part three of your request.

In wishing to assist you, a consideration is to make a request with the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

Unfortunately, I do not hold a public facing list of force FOI contact details, however they will be available [here](#).

I have conducted a search on Northern Ireland and contact information can be found [here](#).

Yours sincerely
Freedom of Information Officer & Decision Maker

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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Internal Review

Any request for an internal review will be acknowledged and responded to, based on the specific wording of your initial request only.

We ask that any rationale to request an internal review, does not include any requests for new information and ask that these be submitted by separate email. We will acknowledge as a new request and may aggregate to your initial request in compliance with the legislation.

If you are dissatisfied with the response you have been provided with in compliance with the Freedom of Information legislation, you can lodge a complaint with NPCC to have the decision reviewed within 40 working days of the date of this response.

The handling of your request will be looked at by someone independent of the original decision and a fresh response provided.

It would be helpful, if requesting a review, for you to articulate in detail the reasons you are not satisfied with this reply.

If you would like to request a review, please write or send an email to NPCC Freedom of Information, c/o PO Box 481, Fareham, Hampshire, PO14 9FS.

Annex A

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the NPCC, when refusing to provide information by way of exemption in question and (c) states why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a refusal notice to those aspects of your request.

Legislation – Section 16

- (1) It shall be the duty of a public authority to provide advice and assistance, so far as it would be reasonable to expect the authority to do so, to persons who propose to make, or have made, requests for information to it.