

THE SOUTHPORT INQUIRY

CHRONOLOGY

Counter Terrorism Police North-West (CTPNW)

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5 th December 2019	First Prevent referral form dated 05/12/19 completed by Acorns School following discussion with the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) team.	Extremism	First Counter Terrorism Police North-West (CTPNW) Prevent case management tracker First Prevent referral form	D9 D34
10 th December 2019	First Prevent referral form emailed to concern@lancashire.pnn.police.uk regarding Axel Muganwa Rudakubana (AMR), 07/08/2006, by Acorns School and received by CTPNW (Inbox, Fixed Intelligence Management Unit (FIMU) Officer [Officer B], [Officer B], [Officer B])	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent referral form	D34
11 th December 2019	Following Lancashire Police log ref 04/176978/19, [Officer B] created intelligence log “Axel RUDAKUBANA 07/08/2006 of 10 Old School House, Banks, Southport, PR98SB has taken a knife into school due to bullying, whilst at school he has been researching school shootings in America” for the attention of Prevent.	Crime Extremism	Intelligence report	D46

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12 th December 2019	AMR returned to Merseyside custody, as directed, with an appropriate adult (his mother). He was bailed with conditions.	Crime	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
16 th December 2019	<p>FIMU sent referral email to Prevent stating the following: “Axel RUDUKABANA who has been researching school shootings in America and videos he was arrested in Merseyside as he went to his old school armed with a knife and hockey stick to assault a pupil (details attached to email) he has admitted the offences and is currently on bail pending CPS advice.”.</p> <p>PCMT created. All the details, case information and actions conducted by FIMU were copied and pasted from the email trail onto the PCMT by Prevent Officer PC 5724 Russ Davies.</p>	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management Tracker	D9
17 th December 2019	Results of FIMU’s research checks were uploaded to the PCMT including Police National Computer (PNC) checks. No PNC traces for AMR.	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
17 th December 2019	Prevent daily morning meeting – PC 5905 Carmen Thompson to be allocated AMR’s case.	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
17 th December 2019	PC 3178 James Neale transferred the case from PC Davies to PC Thompson.	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
17 th December 2019	[Officer B] raised Prevent Action 13780 - Prevent Officer to attend the Emergency Child Protection conference on Tuesday 17/12/2019.	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
17 th December 2019	First multi-agency professionals’ strategy meeting in relation to AMR. This included representatives from Children’s Social Care, Mental Health, an Investigating Officer from Merseyside Police, Police Early Action, Education, and CTPNW Prevent.	Background Crime Education Extremism Mental Health	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker Professionals’ strategy meeting (17/12/2019)	D9 D42

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	<p>PC Thompson attended the meeting. Updates shared and discussed from Merseyside, Range High School, Mental Health team whilst AMR in custody, Acorns School and Early Help. These included the fact that AMR had been arrested by Merseyside Police on 11/12/2019 for an assault on a child at his previous school (Range High School) and for possession of an offensive weapon and a bladed article and that his devices had been seized. AMR was receiving counselling every two weeks, and a forensic Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) appointment had been made and AMR was on a waiting list for an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) assessment.</p>	Social Care		
18 th December 2019	<p>PC Thompson recorded on the PCMT that she would be arranging a visit with AMR next week.</p>	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
20 th December 2019	<p>PCMT updated from 'FIMU assessment' to 'Gateway assessment' to 'Police led Partnership', and PC Thompson to arrange a home visit to AMR the following week.</p>	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
23 rd December 2019	<p>Police Case Management Plan (PCMP) was added to the PCMT by PC Thompson where a summary of the issues (to include AMR's intent, opportunity, capability and complex needs) were documented.</p> <p>PC Thompson noted that there was no evidence of any grievances (either political, racial, religious or single-issue) articulated at that time, no evidence of any links to groups or institutions, and that a Prevent visit was required to establish any ideology.</p> <p>PC Thompson documented matters relating to AMR's internet/social</p>	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9

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	<p>media and highlighted that the school were making enquiries into AMR's internet search history at school whilst Merseyside police were examining his devices.</p> <p>Sgt 2399 Kathryn McIntyre completed supervision review and agreed with comments. AMR needed to be spoken to, to clarify his ideology and potential risk that he may pose. His safeguarding also needed to be addressed. Once all the necessary information had been obtained, discussion would take place regarding suitability for Channel. Agreed appropriate and proportionate to record as 'Police Led'.</p>			
31 st December 2019	Counter-Terrorism Case Officer (CTCO) subject risk assessment recorded on the PCMT.	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
31 st December 2019	PC Thompson and PC 391 Christopher Lawrence made attempts to visit the family home of AMR, however, they were turned away and asked to return on a different date after it was established AMR's father was on night shifts. PC Thompson and PC Lawrence planned to revisit on 03/01/2020.	Extremism	CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
3 rd January 2020	<p>PC Thompson and PC Lawrence attended the home address of AMR where he was spoken to in the presence of his father.</p> <p>Summary: It was AMR's opinion that his behaviour at school and his online activity had been taken out of context, he stated that he been interested in a news article about school shootings which he had looked at but added that he had not actively searched for.</p>	Extremism	<p>First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker</p> <p>Action Result Document - Prevent Visit with AMR</p>	<p>D9</p> <p>D45</p>

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	<p>AMR did say that he had looked at some “num chucks” on the school internet but this was in relation to a building project. AMR believed he had provided explanations for his online viewing, but the teachers were documenting them “to get him into trouble”.</p> <p>AMR said that he hated school, he did not like any of the teachers and thought they were picking on him. When asked about his arrest, AMR stated that “he had done it” as he was being bullied and that despite telling teachers, nothing had been done.</p> <p>AMR admitted that he had previously taken knives into school as he was being bullied, but added he would not do that again as he understood it was wrong.</p> <p>During the visit AMR did not display any extremist views or CT/DE ideology and had no interest in politics or religion, no grievances against any specific groups and the reason for the assault was that the victim had bullied him.</p> <p>At the time of the Prevent visit, AMR did not have any access to the internet as all his devices had been seized by Merseyside police. PC Thompson documented that while she had no CT/DE concerns at that time, AMR was extremely vulnerable and needed support from other agencies that was already in place. She noted there had been changes within the family and home due to his brother’s health, and that AMR had no friends and was isolated as he remained suspended</p>			

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	<p>from school pending a risk assessment.</p> <p>PC Thompson noted she had advised the agencies to re-refer to Prevent should they have further concerns in the future and/or if any relevant information was discovered within AMR's internet history from the school or from his devices. Information to be submitted to FIMU for assessment.</p>			
6 th January 2020	<p>Second multi-agency professionals' strategy meeting in relation to AMR.</p> <p>PC Thompson attended the meeting where updates were shared and discussed. AMR had his first assessment with CAMHS who stated no mental health concerns but Autism was apparent and diagnosis urgently required. Forensic CAMHS appointment scheduled. AMR not to return to school. Investigation into the recent assault ongoing with Merseyside Police awaiting a CPS decision. The devices were being examined and school internet history looked at.</p>	<p>Background Crime Education Extremism Mental Health Social Care</p>	<p>First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker</p> <p>Action Result Document – Professionals' Strategy Meeting</p>	<p>D9</p> <p>D44</p>
Date not confirmed	Updated information forwarded back to FIMU for assessment.	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
8 th January 2020	PC Thompson updated the PCMT, uploading details of the Prevent Visit and Strategy Meeting. Noted FIMU had assessed the case and there were no CT/DE concerns present at that stage. The relevant agencies were supporting the subject, all agencies aware that if any new concerns were identified, they could re refer to Prevent.	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
15 th January 2020	PCMT status changed from 'Police Led' to 'Pending Closure'	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9

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15 th January 2020	<p>PC Thompson updated the tracker with a summary of the case and her decision-making rationale as below:</p> <p>“I do not feel that there are any CT/DE concerns at this stage, however the subject is extremely vulnerable and needs support from other agencies that are already in place, I have advised agencies to re refer to prevent should they have any more concerns in the future and also if any relevant information is found on his internet history from the school or from his devices. This information has been assessed by FIMU as suitable for closure at this stage.”.</p>	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
31 st January 2020	<p>PCMT closure.</p> <p>PCMT status changed from ‘Pending Closure’ to ‘Closed’ by PC Neale as per the rationale of PC Thompson that the concerns relayed to Prevent had been explored and did not appear to be linked to an ideology or a vulnerability to radicalisation. AMR’s vulnerabilities and needs were being met by mainstream safeguarding agencies.</p>	Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
3 rd August 2020	<p>Six-month review of first referral conducted by PC Thompson. No further concerns identified, no updates established on Connect (Lancashire Police systems) and no trace on the PNC. Twelve-month review scheduled 08/01/2021.</p>	Crime Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
15 th January 2021	<p>Twelve-month review of first referral conducted by PC Thompson. No further concerns identified, no updates established on Connect (Lancashire Police systems) and no trace on the PNC. Twenty-four-month review scheduled 15/01/2022.</p>	Crime Extremism	First CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D9
1 st February 2021	<p>Second referral sent via email to concern@lancashire.police.uk with</p>	Extremism	Second CTPNW Prevent	D10

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	<p>concerns relating to AMR by Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Janet Lewis at Acorns School.</p> <p>Referral to Prevent (Lancashire) sent by [Officer A] with his assessment. The referral raised potential radicalisation concerns and provided supporting evidence of AMR's recent social media posts about the Gaddafi/Libyan regime.</p> <p>[Officer A] assessed the referral, noting the conclusion of the first referral. The first referral contained "far more concerning" intelligence, yet AMR was deemed to not have any CT/DE ideology or was not vulnerable to radicalisation.</p> <p>Social media research conducted with negative results. No social media accounts were found in AMR's name. The Instagram post contained within the referral form were dated 10 years earlier and did not suggest any extremist ideology.</p> <p>[Officer A] stated that the new intelligence did not meet the thresholds for adoption at Channel and did not suggest AMR held any extremist ideology.</p> <p>Referral sent to Prevent.</p>		<p>case management tracker.</p> <p>Email from Acorns School to Lancashire police attaching second referral form</p> <p>Second CTPNW Prevent referral form</p> <p>Email sent from FIMU to Prevent, containing [Officer A] assessment of the referral.</p>	<p>D22</p> <p>D23</p> <p>D21</p>
8 th February 2021	PCMT created by PC Thompson who copied the content of the referral onto the tracker and completed the form. PC Thompson was awaiting an update on the risk and threat assessment.	Extremism	Second CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D10

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9 th February 2021	Weekly checks conducted by PC Thompson showed no trace on PNC, no updates on Connect.	Crime	Second CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D10
9 th February 2021	Referral status changed from 'Registered' to 'Initial Assessment'.	Extremism	Second CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D10
9 th February 2021	<p>PC Thompson emailed DSL Janet Lewis to clarify there were no further concerns other than those stated on the referral. Mrs Lewis confirmed that there were no additional concerns.</p> <p>PC Thompson submitted the PCMT for closure with the FIMU assessment, on the basis that the new intel did not reach the threshold for referral to Channel, no indication of extremist views.</p>	Extremism	Second CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D10
10 th February 2021	<p>DS 2375 Rachael Treharne conducted a supervisor review, stating:</p> <p>"I have reviewed this case and note there is a lack of information in all areas. I am satisfied that the OIC has made sufficient enquiries with the original referrer and linked in with FIMU.</p> <p>The concerns in this case were around posts online which were not deemed CT/DE relevant. There does not appear to be any further safeguarding that is currently required.</p> <p>I am unable to see any previous referral into Prevent on the PCMT, although as that has been closed and this case does not contain any CT/DE concerns then I am satisfied this can be closed immediately.".</p>	Extremism	Second CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D10
15 th February 2021	PC Thompson changed the status of the referral from 'Initial Assessment' to 'Pending Closure'.	Extremism	Second CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D10

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	<p>Assessed as non-CT/DE by FIMU.</p> <p>The school would continue to support AMR and were aware to re refer in the future if relevant.</p>			
17 th February 2021	PCMT closure. Status changed from 'Pending Closure' to 'Closed' by DS McIntyre, approved by DS Treharne.	Extremism	Second CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D10
22 nd April 2021	<p>Third referral sent via email to concern@lancashire.police.uk with concerns relating to AMR by DSL Janet Lewis at Acorns School.</p> <p>The email, upon receipt by Lancashire FIMU, was sent back to Mrs Lewis that same day with a request for her to set out the relevant information in a Prevent Referral Form, advising her to include only new information rather than revisiting concerns already raised with Prevent.</p> <p>Completed Prevent Referral Form sent to concerns@lancashire.co.uk and received by Lancashire FIMU officer DC Tim Aspinall.</p> <p>The referral stated that AMR was using the computer to look at his English work (BBC bitesize) when the teacher noticed two other webpages open with the words "London Bridge".</p> <p>AMR suggested that he was reading the news about the recent bomb that had been planted on London Bridge.</p> <p>Discussions took place about the IRA /Israel/Palestine conflicts and</p>	Extremism	<p>Third CTPNW Prevent case management tracker</p> <p>Emails between education and FIMU</p>	<p>D11</p> <p>D33, D35, D36 & D37</p>

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	<p>MI5 involvement.</p> <p>It was obvious AMR had read a lot about the history and current politics of these conflicts and had formed strong opinions about what was right. Discussions took place about safety online and balanced views and opinions.</p>			
22 nd April 2021	<p>DC Aspinall completed a FIMU assessment with the previous background and stated the new reporting did not evidence extremist views (uploaded to PCMT on 26/04/2021). DC Aspinall noted</p> <p>“I do not assess the comments made by the subject in this instance to evidence he displays extremist views, in fact he has commented that there are always two sides to a story, he obviously has an interest in current affairs but this behaviour can be attributed to his ASD diagnosis.”</p> <p>The email and Prevent Referral Form with the FIMU assessment were sent to Prevent.</p>	Extremism	<p>Third CTPNW Prevent case management tracker</p> <p>Emails between education and FIMU</p>	<p>D11</p> <p>D33, D35 & D37</p>
26 th April 2021	<p>PCMT created by PC Thompson who transferred the content of the referral onto the tracker and completed the form adding the FIMU assessment.</p>	Extremism	Third CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D11
29 th April 2021	<p>PC Thompson completed check on AMR via Connect PNC. No further updates. Last entry 11/12/19: possession of blade in a public place, assault, possession of offensive weapon.; Connect last updated 2019.</p>	<p>Crime</p> <p>Extremism</p>	Third CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D11

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	<p>PCMT status changed from 'Registered' to 'Initial Assessment'.</p> <p>PC Thompson documented that the assessment by FIMU was non-CT/DE and the vulnerabilities would be addressed by the Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP).</p> <p>The Police Gateway Assessment was sent to DS Treharne for authorisation to close.</p>			
4 th May 2021	Weekly check conducted by PC Thompson on Connect and PNC. No further updates.	Crime	Third CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D11
7 th May 2021	<p>DS Treharne conducted Supervisor Tasking Review and made assessment agreeing there were no CT/DE concerns currently. Requested file to be closed. No further safeguarding steps to take as AMR receiving adequate support, school to report any further concerns.</p> <p>PCMT changed from 'Initial Assessment' to 'Pending Closure'.</p>	Extremism	Third CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D11
10 th May 2021	<p>PCMT closure.</p> <p>Tracker changed from 'Pending Closure' to 'Closed' with a documented rationale by DS Treharne that there were no extreme views or concerns of a CT/DE rhetoric. The subject displayed critical thinking skills demonstrating he had considered different viewpoints and information.</p> <p>DS Treharne noted the previous concerns raised which had been</p>	Extremism	Third CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D11

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	<p>sufficiently addressed and did not change the outcome of the current assessment.</p> <p>DS Treharne added that AMR appeared to have sufficient support in place, and she did not feel he was at risk of radicalisation from the information provided.</p> <p>DS Treharne concluded that the referrer (DSL Janet Lewis) had been contacted where advice and support had been offered and advised to report any future concerns.</p>			
23 rd August 2021	Six-month review of second referral conducted by DC 6724 Rachel Johnson. No new reporting or updates on Connect, Morse or PNC.	Crime	Second CTPNW Prevent case management tracker	D10