



# SECTU

South East Counter Terrorism Unit



# Channel

## Safeguarding the Young and Vulnerable

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# Channel

- Is a **multi-agency safeguarding programme**, which provides support to those individuals who may be vulnerable to being drawn into **any form** of extremism that could lead to terrorist related activity.
- It is the cornerstone of the Government's 'Prevent' strategy to **Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism** and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support.
- Its **about early intervention and safeguarding**, to protect and divert people away from the risks of radicalisation.

# Desired Panel Outcomes

- Identifying the appropriate support package by using the expertise of the panel.
- Ensuring that safeguarding risks are identified and are referred to the appropriate agencies for action.
- Ensuring an effective support plan is put in place.
- Establishing effective relationships with partners and organisations who can deliver support.
- Ensuring individuals and/or organisations on the panel carry out their elements of the support plan and an

# Channel Panel members

- Local Authority Lead and Chair
- Police
- Schools, Colleges and Universities
- Youth Offending Services
- Directors of Children's and Adult's Services
- Local Safeguarding Boards
- Health services
- Social Workers
- Housing
- Probation

# Mohamad Abdulaziz Rashid Saeed Alim



**Aka Nicky REILLY,  
22 years old from Plymouth.**

**Diagnosed as having Asperger  
Syndrome at the age of 12.**

**Mental age of 10.**

**Obsessive behaviour.**

**History of self harming/Attempted &  
Threatened Suicide.**

# Key Events Time Line

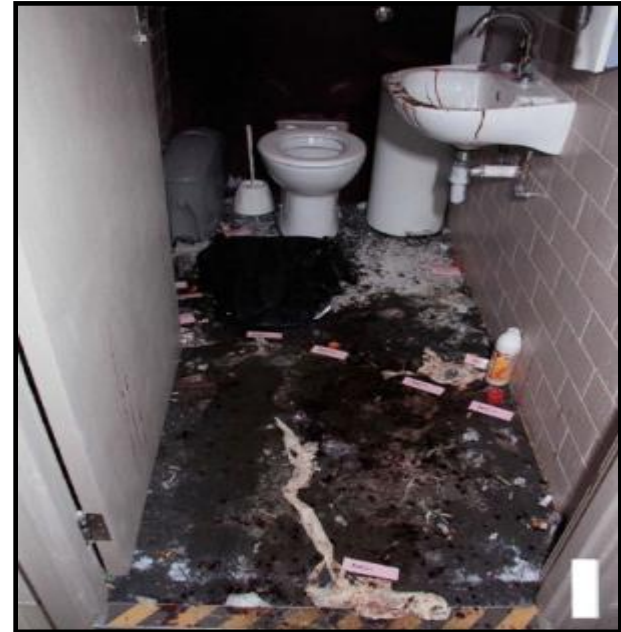
- June/July 2003 – Discovered Islam on the internet & states a wish to become a terrorist. **SELF RADICALISATION**
- August 2003 – Police involvement, liaison with partners. Decision not to involve mother and local imam.
- Jan 2004 – Believed to be talking to ‘terrorists’ via web cam. **GROOMING/EXPOLITATION**
- April 2004 – Information that he does not attend the local mosque.
- 2005 – Repeated interest in chemicals and social workers aware of contact with female in Morocco.
- June 2007 – No longer supported by psychiatric services.
- May 2008 – Travels to Giraffe Restaurant in Exeter & detonates bomb.
- January 2009 – Receives a Life Sentence (Tariff 18 years) for Att/Murder & Preparing Acts of Terrorism.

# Observations from the Review Panel

**“..he was preyed upon,  
radicalised and taken  
advantage of.”**

**"Due to the medical conditions Nicky  
Reilly suffers from, he was not  
perceived to be high risk and this was  
thought to have been a one-off  
comment."**

**“From the information at that time in  
2003, there was no indication that  
Reilly was, or was likely to become,  
capable of making a bomb. No further**



# This is England Shaun's Story



Semi-autobiographical film by director Shane Meadows, set in the 1980's. This clip depicts a scene whereby Shaun is groomed by an extreme right wing group.

# Influence in Action

- Context
- Combo
- Change in Tone
- Forced Choice

# Channel Group Exercise

- **Group 1 – Nicky Reilly**
- **Group 2 – Shaun**

## **Task**

In your groups run the Channel safeguarding process and come up with supporting action plans for both

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