**Community Reporting Thresholds Research Project (CREST)**

**Community Respondents Interview Schedule**

Sometimes family members, friends or others within a local community are the first people to become aware when someone is planning to become involved in violent extremist conflict. This can cause significant concern for family, friends and community.

However, thinking about whether or not to take the step of sharing concerns with authorities about someone’s suspected involvement in violent conflict can be a big and also difficult step for people in the community.

The choices people make about contacting authorities to share concerns about someone’s plans or behaviour can be even more complex when they involve issues connected to people’s personal relationships; religious or cultural beliefs; and sense of community wellbeing and belonging.

Almost no research has been conducted in the UK that explores the experience and views of those who have shared, or considered sharing, concerns with authorities about someone close to them in this context. So, we would like to find out more about your views on the following:

* **the choices** you haveabout who to share your concerns with, and how
* **the reasons** you might feel motivated to share your concerns with authorities
* **what you would want to know or find out more about** before you decide to share your concerns
* what factors might **encourage you** to share your concerns
* what factors might **discourage you** from sharing your concerns
* the kind of **support** you might need or want before, during, or after sharing your concerns
* your expectations, if any, about **the outcomes** of your actions
* your **concerns and fears**, if any, about the **impacts** of your actions
* your views on what authorities need to know **from a community point of view** when dealing with people who share their concerns about someone close who may be involved in violent conflict

In order to make it as comfortable as possible for people to discuss their views with researchers, we have developed two brief **hypothetical** scenarios dealing with issues that could lead someone to making a choice about whether or not to share their concerns with authorities. We will ask you to respond to **ONE** of these scenarios in more detail after deciding which one would best meet your needs and interests during the interview. We will go through the scenario together, discuss any questions you may have, and then explore your responses and comments together with you.

**Questions**

1) As someone close to Adam/Sophia/Conor, what is your initial response to this scenario?

2) What, if anything, would motivate you to share your concerns about Adam/Sophia/Conor with authorities?

3) How would you go about sharing these concerns?

4) What choices to you think you have for sharing your concerns?

*(e.g. with whom; timing; pathway; mode)*

5) What might hold you back from sharing your concerns with authorities?

6) What kind of information or support would help you make a decision about whether or not share your concerns about Adam/Sophia?

(*e.g., look up more information on the internet; talk to family/friends/community leaders/religious leaders; seek help from an anonymous hotline or support service; intervene directly with Adam/Sophia; other)*

7) What would worry you most about sharing your concerns with authorities?

*(Probes: for Adam/Sophia/Conor? For you? For others?)*

8) What would worry you most about NOT sharing your concerns with authorities?

9) How do you think sharing your concerns with authorities would make you feel?

*(Prompts: Confused, relieved, fearful, anxious, guilty, happy, etc.)*

10) There are different people and agencies that you could approach to share your concerns. Who would you be most comfortable approaching? On a scale of 1-10 (**with 1 being ‘most comfortable’ and 10 being ‘least comfortable’**), please rank the following options (see handout):

- Your local police station

- Your local council

- A community leader

- A relative

- A friend

- MI5

- Your local GP

- A telephone hotline (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

- A teacher

- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

11) You’ve decided to take the step of sharing your concerns about Adam/Sophia/Conor. What kind of support would you want, and when would this support be helpful for you?

*(Probes:* ***before*** *you decide to contact authorities?* ***during*** *your interactions with authorities?* ***after*** *you’ve shared your concerns with authorities?)*

12) Who are the best people to offer you this support? On a scale of 1-8 (**with 1 being ‘the best’ and 8 being ‘the worst’)** please rank the following options (see handout):

* A relative
* Police
* A community leader
* A friend
* A local GP
* A trained counsellor
* A teacher
* Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

13) What is the best **pathway** for you to use if you decide to share your concern with authorities? On a scale of 1-5 (**with 1 being ‘most likely’ and 5 being ‘least likely’**) please rank the following options (see handout):

* Telephone
* Face to face/in person
* An app on your mobile phone
* A secure website
* A letter sent by post

14) How important to you is:

1. being **anonymous** (no one knowing) when thinking about whether or not to share your concerns?
2. **confidentiality** (only a limited number of people knowing) when thinking about whether or not to share your concerns?

15) How important is it to you to be kept informed about what is happening **after** you share your concerns with authorities?

16) What do authorities need to know about the process of sharing concerns from a community point of view? (e.g. confidentiality, cultural sensitivities, religious requirements, etc.)

17) What do people need to know about the process of sharing concerns in terms of community education and awareness?

18) If at any point in the past you have either shared your concerns about someone close to you, or have considered doing this but decided not to, would you like to talk about your experience of doing so with the researchers? **You are under no obligation to do so.** We are interested in **your experience** of this decision-making process, and not in the details of what you considered sharing with authorities.

19) Is there anything else you’d like to add?