



# Commission for Countering Extremism

## Public Call for Evidence

This consultation begins on 22 November 2018

This consultation ends on 31 January 2019

## About this consultation

<b>To:</b>	The public, in particular: those concerned about extremism; those with expertise in countering extremism; and relevant academics, civil society groups and practitioners.
<b>Duration:</b>	From 22 November 2018 to 31 January 2019
<b>Enquiries (including requests for the paper in an alternative format) to:</b>	Tel: 0203 741 0166 Email: <a href="mailto:callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk">callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk</a>
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# Foreword from the Lead Commissioner



“Extremism is a generational issue. It is complex, multi-faceted and, for many people, an uncomfortable topic to talk about. That is why as an independent Commission our first step is to bring together people’s experiences, their insight and their evidence as part of our first-of-its-kind study into all forms of extremism.

This call for evidence has two sections. Section one is a short online survey asking for your personal experiences and insight into extremism. Section two is a request for any evidence you or your organisation has on the themes we have identified and provides an opportunity for longer answers to the key questions we are looking to answer in the study.

We are asking for anyone who is concerned about extremism to share their own experiences with us. We are also keen for academics, civil society groups, counter extremism activists and practitioners to share their insight and evidence as well as examples of good practice in delivering effective solutions.

We believe extremism should be examined holistically and will consider relevant evidence on programmes to counter terrorism, such as Prevent, and programmes which promote integration. We also recognise international influences can impact extremism and will consider international evidence and good practice provided that its relevance to England and Wales is explained.

I would like to thank you for taking this opportunity to share your experiences and evidence with us. Your input is a crucial part of building the comprehensive understanding of extremism that we need to challenge it effectively. We will analyse all responses carefully and I look forward to sharing our findings with you in 2019.”

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara Khan'.

**Sara Khan, Lead Commissioner for Countering Extremism**

# About You

Where appropriate please respond to answers with an "X" next to the relevant box

## 1) Are you replying as a member of the public, as a practitioner or on behalf of an organisation?

If you are a member of the public, please fill in all the fields below

If you are a practitioner or replying on behalf of an organisation, please go to page 9

## 2a) What is your name?

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## 2b) What is your location? (see Appendix one for a map of UK regions)

North East	
North West	
Yorkshire and The Humber	
East Midlands	
West Midlands	
East of England	
London	
South East	
South West	
Wales	
Scotland	
Northern Ireland	
Prefer not to say	
International, please describe: *	

*\*The Commission's remit outlined in our charter is in England and Wales, but we also recognise international influences that can impact extremism in our country. We will consider relevant international evidence and good practice provided that respondents explain its relevance to England and Wales.*

**2c) What is your gender?**

Male	Female	Prefer not to say	Other

**2d) What is your age?**

15 and under*	
16 – 18	
19 – 24	
25 – 34	
35 – 44	
45 – 54	
55 – 64	
65+	
Prefer not to say	

*\*If you are under 16, please provide an email address for your parent or guardian below. We will not contact your parent or guardian. However, if at a later date you request access to the personal information the Commission holds about you following your submission of evidence, we are required to contact your parent or guardian to ask their permission.*

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**2e) What is your ethnicity?**

<b>White</b>	
English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British	
Irish	
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	
Any other White background, please describe:	
<b>Mixed/Multiple ethnic groups</b>	
White and Black Caribbean	
White and Black African	
White and Asian	
Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background, please describe:	
<b>Asian / Asian British</b>	
Indian	
Pakistani	

Bangladeshi	
Chinese	
Any other Asian background, please describe:	
<b>Black / African / Caribbean / Black British</b>	
African	
Caribbean	
Any other Black / African / Caribbean background, please describe:	
<b>Other ethnic group</b>	
Arab	
Prefer not to say	
Any other ethnic group, please describe:	

**2f) What is your religion?**

Buddhist	
Christian	
Hindu	
Jewish	
Muslim	
Sikh	
No religion	
Prefer not to say	
Other, please describe:	

**2g) We would like to be able to use extracts from responses in our study. If you would not like us to use any extracts from your response or would prefer we did so without using your name, please tell us here.**

Yes, I am content for you to use extracts of my response in the study	
Yes, I am content for you to use extracts of my response in the study but do not use my name	
No, you may not use extracts from my response in the study	

**If you would like the information you provide to be treated as confidential, for legal reasons please tell us why you regard your response as confidential. For more information see our privacy information notice on page 43.**

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**2h) What is your email address?**

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*We may use this to contact you further, either to talk to you about your response or to update you about the study.*



**If you are a practitioner or replying on behalf of an organisation, please fill in the relevant fields below**

**3a) What is your name**

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**3b) If you are replying as a practitioner, what is your role?**

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**3c) If you are replying on behalf of an organisation, what is the name of the organisation(s)?**

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**Do you consider your work as countering extremism?**

Yes	No

**Please provide a brief description of what your organisation does. (100 word limit)**

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**3d) What is your location? (see Appendix one for a map of UK regions)**

North East	
North West	
Yorkshire and The Humber	
East Midlands	
West Midlands	
East of England	
London	
South East	

South West	
Wales	
Scotland	
Northern Ireland	
Prefer not to say	
International, please describe: *	

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**3e) What is your gender?**

Male	Female	Prefer not to say	Other

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White and Black Caribbean	
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Any other Mixed / Multiple ethnic background, please describe:	
<b>Asian / Asian British</b>	
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Pakistani	
Bangladeshi	
Chinese	
Any other Asian background, please describe:	
<b>Black / African / Caribbean / Black British</b>	
African	
Caribbean	
Any other Black / African / Caribbean background, please describe:	
<b>Other ethnic group</b>	
Arab	
Prefer not to say	
Any other ethnic group, please describe:	

**3h) We would like to be able to use extracts from responses in our study. If you would not like us to use any extracts from your response or would prefer we did so without using your name or that of your organisation, please tell us here.**

Yes, I am content for you to use extracts of my response in the study	
Yes, I am content for you to use extracts of my response in the study and identify my role/organisation, but do not use my name	
Yes, I am content for you to use extracts of my response in the study, but do not use my name or identify my role/organisation	
No, you may not use extracts from my response in the study	

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**3i) What is your email address?**

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# Questionnaire

## Section one – Experiences of and insights into extremism

This section is a short online survey asking for your personal experiences and insight into extremism. It is aimed at everyone and contains multiple choice questions and provides opportunities to provide explanations for your answers. This section will take a minimum of 10 minutes. If you or your organisation has evidence on the key themes identified by the Commission, you will have the opportunity to provide that in section two.

*Where appropriate please respond to answers with an “X” next to the relevant box*

### Section one – Part one

**1a.) Can you describe extremism?**

Yes	No	Not Sure

**1b.) If you said ‘yes’ or ‘not sure’, please describe what extremism looks like to you.**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**If you said ‘no’, what is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**2a.) How helpful is the following definition of extremism?**

*“Extremism is the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also regard calls for the death of members of our armed forces as extremist”.* (HM Government Counter-Extremism Strategy, 2015)

Very helpful	Helpful	Neither helpful nor unhelpful	Unhelpful	Very unhelpful

**2b.) What is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**Section one – Part two**

There is no single measure of extremism. Experts have proposed a range of factors that may indicate the scale of extremism.

**3.) How important do you think the following factors are when considering extremism in this country?**

- Extremism-related criminal offending e.g. hate crime

Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know

- Extremist events e.g. marches, events in community or commercial venues

Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know

- Segregation e.g. by ethnicity, religion or gender

Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know

- Incidents in regulated spaces, e.g. schools, universities, charities, prisons

Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know

- Size and influence of extremist groups

Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know

- Extremist propaganda e.g. on social or traditional media

Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know

- Links between extremism and terrorism

Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know

- Attitudes indicating sympathy to extremist ideas or behaviour

Very important	Fairly important	Not very important	Not important at all	Don't know

4a.) Is there one factor from the list above that you think is most important when considering extremism?

Yes	No	Other	Not Sure

**4b.) If you said ‘yes’ or ‘other’, please tell us which factor you think is most important and why.**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**If you said ‘not sure’ or ‘no’, what is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**Section one – Part three**

**5a.) Have you witnessed anything you would regard as extremist happening in your local area, elsewhere in the country or online?**

Please select any options that apply.

Yes, in my local area	
Yes, elsewhere in the country	
Yes, online	
No	

**5b.) If you said ‘yes’, what type(s) of extremism have you witnessed?**

Please select any that apply from the following options that were suggested to us during our engagement and from our ongoing research.

Animal rights extremism	
Anti-government / anarchist extremism	
Christian extremism	
Environmental extremism	



Far Right extremism	
Far Left extremism	
Hindu extremism	
Muslim / Islamist extremism	
Jewish extremism	
Sikh extremism	
Other, please describe:	
Unsure	

Please answer questions 5c.) and 5d.) for each of the options you selected above.

**5c.) For option one, what attitudes, activities or behaviours have you witnessed that you regard as extremist?**

Please describe what you have witnessed below any of the following options that apply. (100 word limit)

- **Extremism-related criminal offending e.g. hate crime**

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- **Extremist events e.g. marches, events in community or commercial venues**

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- **Segregation e.g. by ethnicity, religion or gender**

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- **Incidents in regulated spaces, e.g. schools, universities, charities, prisons**

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- **Influence of extremist groups**

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- **Extremist propaganda e.g. on social or traditional media**

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- **Links between extremism and terrorism**

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- **Attitudes indicating sympathy to extremist ideas or behaviour**

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- **Other or unsure**

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**5d.) Do you think this type of extremism...?**

Is increasing	Remains the same	Is decreasing

**What is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**5c.) For option two, what attitudes, activities or behaviours have you witnessed that you regard as extremist?**

Please describe what you have witnessed below any of the following options that apply. (100 word limit).

- **Extremism-related criminal offending e.g. hate crime**

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- **Extremist events e.g. marches, events in community or commercial venues**

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- **Segregation e.g. by ethnicity, religion or gender**

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- **Incidents in regulated spaces, e.g. schools, universities, charities, prisons**

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- **Influence of extremist groups**

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- **Extremist propaganda e.g. on social or traditional media**

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- **Links between extremism and terrorism**

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- **Attitudes indicating sympathy to extremist ideas or behaviour**

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- **Other or unsure**

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**5d.) Do you think this type of extremism...?**

Is increasing	Remains the same	Is decreasing

**What is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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If you would like to respond in relation to a third or more option(s) please submit an additional document and provide you full name.

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**Section one – Part four**

**6a.) Can you describe the harms caused by extremism?**

Yes	No	Not Sure

**6b.) If you said ‘yes’ or ‘not sure’, how would you describe these harms?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit).

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**If you said ‘no’, what is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**7a.) From the following list, which are the three groups you believe are most at risk of harm caused by extremism?**

Black, Asian, and minority ethnic communities	
Everyone	
LGBT+ people	
Men	
Non-religious people e.g. secularists, humanists	
People countering extremism	
People aged under 25	
People aged 25 - 59	

People aged 60 and over	
Religious minority communities (including minority groups within a religious community e.g. Ahmadiyya)	
White majority communities	
Women	
None	
Not sure	
Other, please describe:	

**7b.) What is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**8a.) Have you seen evidence of extremism online causing harm?**

Yes	No	Not Sure

**8b.) If you said 'yes' or 'not sure', how would you describe these harms?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**8c.) Would you describe extremism online compared to extremism in your local area as...?**

More harmful	Equally harmful	Less harmful	Not sure

**8d.) What is the main reason for your answer?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**9a.) Does extremism cause harm to society and its institutions more widely e.g. to democracy?**

Yes	No	Not Sure

**9b.) If you said 'yes' or 'not sure', how would you describe these harms?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**If you said 'no', what is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**Section one – Part five**

**10a.) Do you think more should be done to counter extremism?**

Yes	No	Not Sure

**10b.) What is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**11.) How much should be done in the following areas to counter extremism?**

Civil society

A lot more	A little more	Maintain current level	A little less	A lot less

Counter terrorism

A lot more	A little more	Maintain current level	A little less	A lot less

Education

A lot more	A little more	Maintain current level	A little less	A lot less

Faith

A lot more	A little more	Maintain current level	A little less	A lot less



Foreign policy

<b>A lot more</b>	<b>A little more</b>	<b>Maintain current level</b>	<b>A little less</b>	<b>A lot less</b>

Integration

<b>A lot more</b>	<b>A little more</b>	<b>Maintain current level</b>	<b>A little less</b>	<b>A lot less</b>

Justice

<b>A lot more</b>	<b>A little more</b>	<b>Maintain current level</b>	<b>A little less</b>	<b>A lot less</b>

Law enforcement

<b>A lot more</b>	<b>A little more</b>	<b>Maintain current level</b>	<b>A little less</b>	<b>A lot less</b>

Media

<b>A lot more</b>	<b>A little more</b>	<b>Maintain current level</b>	<b>A little less</b>	<b>A lot less</b>

Online

<b>A lot more</b>	<b>A little more</b>	<b>Maintain current level</b>	<b>A little less</b>	<b>A lot less</b>

12a.) Is there one area from the list above that you think is most important when countering extremism?

<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Not sure</b>

**12b.) If you said ‘yes’ or ‘other’, please tell us which factor you think is most important and why.**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**12c.) If you said ‘not sure’ or ‘no’, what is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**13a.) Are there particular institutions or groups that you see as having a role in improving our current efforts to counter extremism?**

Please select up to three from the following options that were suggested to us during our engagement and from our ongoing research.

Civil society	
Faith groups and leaders	
Independent regulators e.g. Charity Commission, Ofsted, Ofcom	
International institutions e.g. UN	
Local government	
Local politicians	
Media companies	
National government	
National politicians	
Public servants e.g. teachers, police officers	
Social media and tech companies	
None	
Not sure	
Other, please describe:	

**13b.) What is the main reason for your response?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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**14.) What is the one thing you would give greater priority to, in our efforts to counter extremism offline and online, and why?**

Please write your answer here (100-word limit)

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## Section two – Evidence on extremism

Thank you for your input to section one. Section two is a request for data and analysis on the themes we have identified. It is aimed primarily at those with expertise in countering extremism, including academics, civil society groups, and practitioners, but we welcome responses from anyone who has evidence they would like to share with us. Please draw on your research and professional experience where relevant and provide evidence where possible. It is not necessary to answer any or all 10 questions in section two.

If you would like to submit a separate written document (e.g. a report) or have any other points you would like to make that are not covered below, please submit an additional document and provide your full name.

Email: [callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk](mailto:callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk)

### 1.) Do you have any evidence of the scale in England and Wales of the following factors, which have been linked to extremism?

- **Extremism-related criminal offending e.g. hate crime**
- **Extremist events e.g. marches, events in community or commercial venue**
- **Segregation e.g. by ethnicity, religion or gender**
- **Incidents in regulated spaces, e.g. schools, universities, charities, prisons**
- **Size and influence of extremist groups**
- **Extremist propaganda e.g. on social or traditional media**
- **Links between extremism and terrorism**
- **Attitudes indicating sympathy to extremist ideas or behaviour**

Please write your answer here (750-word limit)

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# Contact details and privacy notice

Please send your response by 31 January 2019 to:

**Tel:** 0203 741 0166

**Email:** [callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk](mailto:callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk)

## Complaints or comments

If you have any complaints or comments about the call for evidence process you should contact the Commission for Countering Extremism (CCE) at:

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## Privacy information notice

### How and why the CCE uses your information

Your privacy is very important to the Commission, and we have considered it at every stage of this call for evidence. We are using standard consultation terms which are set out below.

The CCE intends to collect and process the personal information and evidence you have provided to carry out its objective of producing a comprehensive study into extremism in England and Wales.

The CCE will only process the data you provide that it is necessary and legal for the Commission to request and hold.

Only information that is given with your explicit consent will be processed. By submitting a response (submitting the online form or by emailing a response document), you are confirming that all information you have supplied is accurate and you are giving your consent that it may be analysed and stored by the CCE in its call for evidence.

You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time. If you wish to do so, please email: [callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk](mailto:callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk)

As an arm's length body (ALB) of the Home Office the CCE falls under the umbrella of the Home Office's Personal Information Charter. You can find a copy of this at: [www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/about/personal-information-charter](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/home-office/about/personal-information-charter).

Your personal information, supplied for the purposes of analysis by the CCE, will be held and processed by the CCE. The CCE is the controller of this information. This also includes when it is collected or processed by third parties on our behalf.

If you have a question about your data, please email:

[callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk](mailto:callforevidence@extremismcommission.independent.gov.uk)

### **Storing your information**

Your personal information will be held in line with the CCE, and wider Home Office departmental retention policy of 5 Years. More details of this policy can be found at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-retention-and-disposal-standards](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/home-office-retention-and-disposal-standards)

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2. (where you have explicitly consented to the use of your personal data and that is the lawful basis for processing) the right to withdraw your consent to the processing of your data and the right to data portability (where processing is carried out by automated means).

To exercise any of your rights on this matter, please email:

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You have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office about the way the CCE is handling your personal information. Details on how you do this can be found at <https://ico.org.uk/>, or telephone 0303 123 1113.

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Information provided in response to this call for evidence, including personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to

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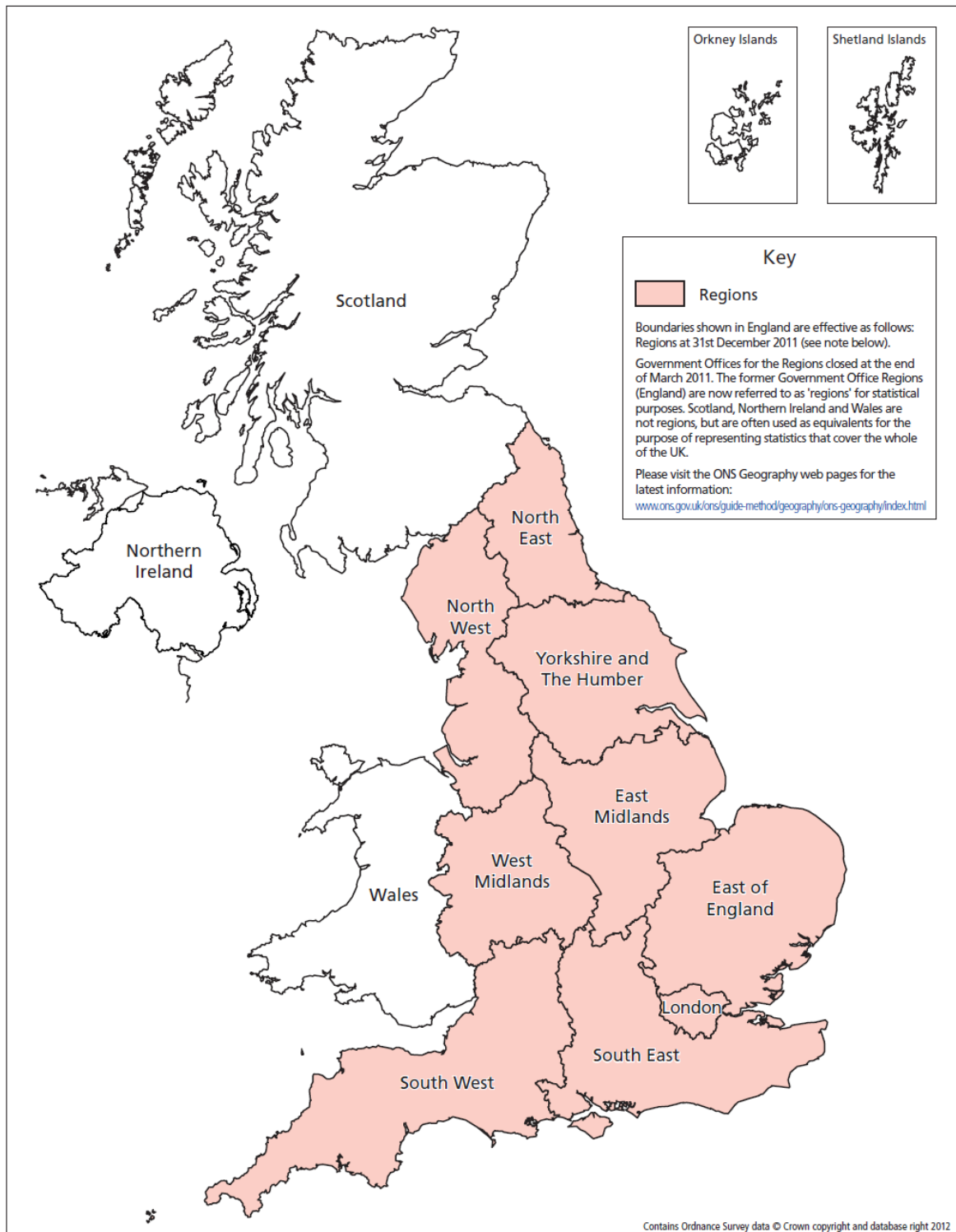
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The CCE will process your personal data in accordance with the Data Protection Act and in the vast majority of circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.

**Please be aware that we are bound to report to the police any evidence or report of criminal activity that we receive.**

# Appendix one: Map of regions

United Kingdom: Regions, 2011





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