

“Prevent” Statement

“Prevent” is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism, preventing violent and non-violent extremism and radicalisation. Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government’s counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Counter-terrorism strategy (CONTEST) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

The following are commonly agreed definitions within the “Prevent” Agenda:

- (a) An Ideology is a set of beliefs.
- (b) Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism that may lead to terrorism.
- (c) Safeguarding is the process of protecting vulnerable people, whether from crime, other forms of abuse or from being drawn into terrorism-related activity.
- (d) Terrorism is an action that endangers or causes serious violence, damage or disruption and is intended to influence the government or to intimidate the public and is made with the intention of advancing a political, religious or ideological.
- (e) Vulnerability describes factors and characteristics associated with being susceptible to radicalisation.
- (f) Extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British Values, including democracy, the rule of law, Individual and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

Our commitment to meeting the Prevent Duty can be summarised as follows:

- P- Promotion of Equality and Diversity and positive relationships between staff and learners
- R – Referral of any concerns via safeguarding staff to relevant authorities
- E – Embedding British Values and education for learners on all courses
- V – Vetting learners and employers, and removal of any posters or other materials of an extremist nature
- E – Environment – providing a safe and secure working and learning environment
- N – News – monitoring for any concerns in the locality
- T – Training of staff to raise awareness of the signs and risks

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