

Prevent annual accountability statement

Throughout the academic year 2017-18 and up to the date of approval, the Guildhall School of Music & Drama:

- has had due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism (the Prevent duty)
- has provided to OfS all required information about its implementation of the Prevent duty has reported to OfS in a timely way all serious issues related to the Prevent duty, or now attaches any reports that should have been made, with an explanation of why they were not submitted
- has reviewed, and where necessary, updated its Prevent risk assessment and action plan

Accountability statement

Governing bodies/pro proprietors are required to provide a short statement (max 300 words) outlining the mechanisms to which they have been assured that they are able to sign the above declarations satisfactorily.


The Prevent Lead for the School is also the Safeguarding Lead and reports directly to the Principal. She is a member of the Senior Management Team and attends all meetings of the Board of Governors. There is a clear reporting structure for Prevent with a designated Safeguarding Lead in each area of the School. We have now appointed a Head of Safeguarding to strengthen our capacity in this area.

There are two designated Safeguarding Governors who meet on a termly basis with the Safeguarding Lead, Principal and Head of HR. Prevent is also a standing item on the agenda at Senior Management Team meetings and at termly Safeguarding meetings for the cross institution safeguarding leads.

Prevent is embedded in the safeguarding arrangements for the institution. The Safeguarding Policy includes Prevent and is reviewed annually in August and submitted to the Board for approval. The most recent version was approved by the Board on 18 September 2018.

The risk assessment was reviewed in October 2018 and an action plan is in place for the coming academic year. Prevent is on the strategic risk register with ultimate responsibility residing with the governing body. Updates were provided for the register throughout last academic year. The risk register was discussed at Senior Management Team as well as the Board of Governors meetings and the Chair of the Audit and Risk committee is one of the two designated Safeguarding governors.

Events or visiting speaker requests are risk assessed to determine if they should proceed or whether action needs be taken to mitigate risks. The events approval process is overseen by the Events committee and two cases were referred. I attended Safeguarding training in December 2017 and all staff renewed their mandatory online safeguarding training and many also attended Prevent training sessions during the year.

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