



City of London Internal Further Education Prevent Guidance

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Introduction

Prevent

Prevent forms one of the four work streams of the CONTEST strategy, which is the overall UK Government's strategy for countering terrorism. The purpose of Prevent is to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. The objectives include:

- Tackle the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism
- Safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation through early intervention, identifying them and offering support
- Enable those who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate

Section 26(1) of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 ("the Act") imposes a duty on "specified authorities", when exercising their functions, to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. There is an important role for further education institutions and independent training providers, in helping prevent people being drawn into terrorism, which includes not just violent extremism but also non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists exploit. It is a condition that all further education and independent training providers must comply with relevant legislation and any statutory responsibilities associated with the delivery of education and safeguarding of learners.

Details of IT policies, external speakers, monitoring and enforcement guidance can be found here - [Prevent duty guidance: for further education institutions in England and Wales](#)

Multi-agency Channel Panels

Channel is a key element of Prevent. It is a multi-agency approach to identify, support people at risk from radicalisation, extremism and effectively being drawn into terrorism. Channel uses existing collaboration between local authorities, statutory partners (such as social services, education, health representatives and probation), the police and with the support of the local community to:

- Identify individuals at risk
- Assess the nature and extent of that risk
- Develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned

Anyone can make a Prevent referral into the Channel Panel, the individual making the referral may be asked to be a member of the panel if appropriate. Further details and guidance regarding the referral process can be found in the Prevent Policy and Channel Guidance document cited below.

Referrals

If there is a concern about an individual, a group or a family, you can seek initial advice from the Prevent team. Contact details are below.

- City of London Corporation (CoLC) Prevent Coordinator – 020 7332 1639 / 07749 046766 CSTreferral@cityoflondon.gov.uk
- City of London Police (CoLP) Prevent Officer - 0207 6012442 / 07523 944209 prevent@cityoflondon.police.uk

The National Prevent Referral form can be found [here](#).

Training

It is imperative professionals, safeguarding leads and learners complete Prevent training. This can be accessed in a number of ways:

- Tailored Prevent awareness delivered by CoLC Prevent Coordinator and CoLP Prevent Officer (90 minutes)
- CoLC Prevent E-learning available through City Learning
- CoLC provides mandatory ACT Awareness training through City Learning, which covers aspects of Prevent and the Protect Duty.
- Home Office E-learning package available [here](#).

Risk assessments

The CoLC should carry out a risk assessment which assesses where and how students or staff may be at risk of being drawn into terrorism. These policies and procedures will help satisfy itself and government that it is able to identify and support these individuals.

The risk assessment should look at CoLC policies regarding the campus/learning venue and learner welfare, including equality and diversity, and the safety and welfare of learners and staff. The risk assessment must address the physical management of the Corporation's estate, including policies and procedures for events held by staff, learners or visitors, and relationships with external bodies and community groups who may use its premises, or work in partnership with the CoLC.

Where the CoLC sub-contracts the delivery of courses to other providers, robust procedures must be in place to ensure that the sub-contractor is aware of the Prevent duty and the sub-contractor is not inadvertently funding extremist organisations.

City of London Prevent Action Plan

The Community Safety Team have developed a partnership Prevent Action Plan for 2021-24. This will be available from October 2021 and internal departments are encouraged to contribute. Please contact the CoLC Prevent Coordinator to obtain this plan.

City of London Prevent Policy and Channel Guidance

The City of London Community Safety Team have developed a Prevent Policy and Channel Guidance to assist internal departments and external partners with the process of Prevent and its functions.