



Appendix 6 of Safeguarding Policy

Anti-Radicalisation - Prevent Duty Policy

Since 1 July 2015, it is the responsibility of all schools and guardianship organisations to be cognisant of the statutory guidance issued under section 29 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. The main aim of the Prevent strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Protecting Vulnerable People from being drawn into Terrorism is part of the Prevent strategy.

Safeguarding children and providing early intervention to protect and divert people away from being drawn into extremist activity is at the heart of the revised Prevent strategy and My Guardians' personnel must also be aware of how to identify vulnerability and assess risk. There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to an extremist ideology. It can happen in many different ways and settings. Specific background factors may contribute to vulnerability which are often combined with specific influences such as family, friends or online, and with specific needs for which an extremist or terrorist group may appear to provide an answer.

The Internet and the use of social media in particular has become a major factor in the radicalisation of young people. Extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas.

The risk factors set out in the statutory guidance that support an assessment of vulnerability are:

- Spending increasing time in the company of other suspected extremists,
- Changing their style of dress or personal appearance to accord with the group,
- Their day-to-day behaviour becoming increasingly centred on an extremist ideology, group or cause,
- Loss of interest in friends & activities not associated with the extremist ideology, group or cause,
- Possession of material or symbols associated with an extremist cause,
- Attempts to recruit others to the group, cause and ideology,
- Communications with others that suggest identification with a group, cause and ideology.

Prevent Lead:

Responsibility for ensuring Prevent Duty is met lies with Irina Bowman, Managing Director, and the Lead Contact for the Prevent Strategy: phone 07919425660, email info@myguardians.co.uk.

Irina Bowman, to comply with her duties as the Prevent Lead, completed three online courses provided by the government: Prevent Awareness, Prevent Referrals, and Channel Awareness. All our other staff, volunteers and homestays is also encouraged to complete the

government basic level Prevent Awareness e-learning.

Any member of staff who identifies concerns about a Student must report the Student immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead of My Guardians, who in turn will discuss these concerns with the Local Safeguarding Children Board and police. The Local Safeguarding Children Board's document entitled, 'Making a Referral to Children's Social Care' should be followed. A multi-agency assessment meeting, otherwise known as MASH or the Local Safeguarding Children Board will determine the appropriate response and level of support.

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