

PREVENT POLICY

The Prevent Strategy

The Prevent strategy, published by the Government in 2011, is part of our overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The aim of the Prevent strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

In the Act this has simply been expressed as the need to “prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

The 2011 Prevent strategy has three specific strategic objectives:

respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;

- prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and
- work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

Definitions

Extremism: The Government has defined extremism in the Prevent strategy as: “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. It also includes extremist calls for the death of members of our armed forces”.

Radicalisation refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.

Terrorism: The current UK definition of ‘terrorism’ is given in the Terrorism Act 2000 (TACT 2000).

In summary this defines terrorism as an action that endangers or causes serious violence to a person/people; causes serious damage to property; or seriously interferes or disrupts an electronic system.

The use or threat must be designed to influence the government or to intimidate the public and is made for the purpose of advancing a political, religious or ideological cause.

Aims

The purpose of this Policy is to provide a clear outline of Outposts’ position with respect to the Prevent Duty.

Objectives

Outposts will:

- Promote fundamental British values by ensuring that there is a culture of openness within our delivery and team and the opportunity for learners to explore what this means to them.
- Challenge segregation, promoting cohesion and building learner resilience with the aim of our learners and staff contributing actively to wider society.
- Operate a clear and consistent anti-bullying approach which challenges harassment and discrimination and enables learners and staff to feel safe and supported.
- Provide support, advice and guidance for learners and staff who may be at risk or radicalisation. This may include referral to Channel, the process by which multi-agency support is provided to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- Ensure that staff, learners and employers are aware of their roles and responsibilities in preventing radicalisation and extremism.
- Have a leadership team which actively promotes the core values of shared responsibility and well-being for learners, and staff ensure that these are at the heart of everything that we do.

For more information please refer to the Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales

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