

Prevent Policy

Version 2

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This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis. Trade Techs reserves the right to amend this policy, following consultation, where appropriate.

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1. Introduction and Context

Prevent is part of a Government initiative to develop a robust counter terrorism programme – CONTEST. The UK faces a range of terrorist threats. All the terrorist groups who pose a threat to us seek to radicalise and recruit people to their cause. The Prevent strategy seeks to:

- Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views
- Provide practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
- Work with a wide range of sectors where there are risks of radicalisation which needs to be addressed, including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, the internet and health

A system of threat level has been created which represents the likelihood of an attack in the near future. The five levels are:

Critical- an attack is expected imminently

Severe – an attack is highly likely

Substantial – an attack is a strong possibility

Moderate – an attack is possible but not likely

Low – an attack is unlikely

<https://www.mi5.gov.uk/threat-levels>

The PREVENT duty, which requires the Education sector to have "due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism", supporting terrorism or being drawn into non-violent extremism. This is extended to Employers when working with apprentices. Our expectation is that all employers with whom we work have a shared ethos to keeping apprentices safe. This policy can be viewed on our website.

2. Counter-Terrorism and Security Act

Sect 26 CTS Act places a duty on certain bodies (specified authorities – listed in Schedule 6) to have

“due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism”.

Guidance is issued under Section 29 of the Act:

- 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
- Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address

Purpose of Prevent

- Prevent aims to safeguard vulnerable individuals (both adults and children) who may be at risk of potentially becoming involved in terrorist activities.
- It also aims to support institutions, such as schools, colleges and universities where this may happen.
- All frontline staff have a responsibility to report any instances where they think they have identified a Safeguarding issue to their Safeguarding Officer

Responsibilities

All staff have a legal responsibility under the Prevent Duty to make sure that:

- They have undertaken training in the Prevent Duty as identified by their management
- They are aware of when it is appropriate to refer concerns about learners to the Prevent officer, usually the provider's Safeguarding officer
- They exemplify British values of "democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs" into their practice

The Prevent Strategy will specifically

- 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 which we need to address

3. What is CONTEST?

CONTEST is the Government's Counter Terrorism Strategy, published in July 2006 and refreshed in March 2009. The aim of the strategy is 'to reduce the risk from international terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.'

CONTEST has four strands, often known as the four Ps. The aims of the 4 Ps are:

- PREVENT** - to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting violent extremism
- PURSUE** - to stop terrorist attacks through disruption, investigation and detection
- PREPARE** - where an attack cannot be stopped, to mitigate its impact
- PROTECT** - to strengthen against terrorist attack, including borders, utilities, transport infrastructure and crowded places

4. What is Extremism?

The Government has defined extremism 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". This also includes calls for the death of members of the British armed forces.

Please see British Values Policy for further information including how we embed this into the curriculum and learning journey.

5. What is Terrorism?

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 of 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.

6. What is radicalisation?

People can be drawn into violence or they can be exposed to the messages of extremist groups by many means. The risk of radicalisation is the product of a number of factors and identifying this risk requires that staff exercise their professional judgement, seeking further advice as necessary. It may be combined with other vulnerabilities or may be the only risk identified. Potential indicators include:

- Use of inappropriate language
- Possession of violent extremist literature
- Behavioural changes
- The expression of extremist views
- Advocating violent actions and means
- Association with known extremists
- Seeking to recruit others to an extremist ideology

7. What is Channel?

Channel is an early intervention multi-agency process designed to safeguard vulnerable people from being drawn into violent extremist or terrorist behaviour. Channel works in a similar way to existing safeguarding partnerships aimed at protecting vulnerable people.

Who does Channel work with?

Channel is designed to work with individuals of any age who are at risk of being exploited by extremist or terrorist ideologues. The process is shaped around the circumstances of each person and can provide support for any form of radicalisation or personal vulnerabilities.

How does Channel work?

Each Channel Panel is chaired by a local authority and brings together a range of multi-agency partners to collectively assess the risk and can decide whether a support package is needed. The group may include statutory and non-statutory partners, as well as lead safeguarding professionals. If the group feels the person would be suitable for

Channel, it will look to develop a package of support that is bespoke to the person. The partnership approach ensures those with specific knowledge and expertise around the vulnerabilities of those at risk are able to work together to provide the best support.

Channel interventions are delivered through local partners and specialist agencies. The support may focus on a person's vulnerabilities around health, education, employment or housing, as well as specialist mentoring or faith guidance and broader diversionary activities such as sport. Each support package is tailored to the person and their particular circumstances.

How will the person be involved in this process?

A person will always be informed first if it's felt that they would benefit from Channel support. The process is voluntary and their consent would be needed before taking part in the process. This process is managed carefully by the Channel Panel.

Anyone can make a referral. Referrals come from a wide range of partners including education, health, youth offending teams, police and social services.

What happens with the referral?

Referrals are first screened for suitability through a preliminary assessment by the Channel Coordinator and the local authority. If suitable, the case is then discussed at a Channel panel of relevant partners to decide if support is necessary. Raising a concern if you believe that someone is vulnerable to being exploited or radicalised, please use the established safeguarding or duty of care procedures within your organisation to escalate your concerns to the appropriate leads, who can raise concerns to Channel if appropriate.

8. Our responsibility

It is our responsibility and the responsibility of Employers for our apprentices to protect apprentices and employees from radicalising influences. We do this by building apprentices and employees resilience to extreme narratives during our curriculum and ensuring this is embedded within the full learning journey. During support and supervision we identify any vulnerabilities or worrying changes in behaviour and know what to do if you have concerns about an apprentice or employee. Or close communication with Employers ensures this ethos and commitment is shared as it is crucial for all education establishments and employers to be involved in the Prevent strategy. Trade Techs has a part to play in fostering shared values and promoting cohesion. Trade Techs focus on the risks of violent extremism, which represents the greatest threat at the national level while recognising that other forms of violence and extremism can and do manifest themselves within Trade Techs and other training settings. The Prevent Strategy has five key objectives:

1. To promote and reinforce shared values; to create space for free and open debate, and to listen and support the learner's voice.

2. To break down segregation among different learner communities including by supporting inter-faith and inter-cultural dialogue and understanding, and to engage all learners in playing a full and active role in wider engagement in society
3. To ensure learner safety and that Trade Techs is free from bullying, harassment and discrimination
4. To provide support for learners who may be at risk and appropriate sources of advice and guidance
5. To ensure that learners and staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities in preventing violent extremism.

In order to achieve these objectives, the strategy will concentrate on four areas:

Leadership and Values

To provide an ethos which upholds core values of shared responsibility and wellbeing for all learners, staff and visitors and promotes respect, equality and diversity and understanding. This will be achieved through:

- Promoting core values of respect, equality and diversity, democratic society, learner voice and participation
- Building staff and learner understanding of the issues and confidence to deal with them
- Deepening engagement with local communities
- Actively working with local schools, local authorities, police and other agencies

Teaching and Learning

To provide a curriculum which promotes knowledge, skills and understanding to build the resilience of learners, by undermining extremist ideology and supporting the learner's voice. This will be achieved through:

- Embedding equality, diversity and inclusion, wellbeing and community cohesion
- Promoting wider skill development such as social and emotional aspects of learning
- A curriculum adapted to recognise local needs, challenge extremist narratives and promote universal rights
- Encouraging active citizenship/participation and learner's voice

Learner Support

To ensure that staff are confident to take preventative and responsive steps working with partner professionals, families and communities. This will be achieved through:

- Establishing strong and effective learner support services
- Listening to what is happening at Trade Techs and the community
- Implementing anti-bullying strategies and challenging discriminatory behaviour
- Helping learners and staff know how to access support at Trade Techs and or through community partners
- Supporting at-risk learners through safeguarding and crime prevention processes
- Focussing on narrowing the attainment gap for all learners

Managing Risks and Responding to Events

To ensure that Trade Techs monitors risks and is ready to deal appropriately with issues which arise. It will do this through:

- Understanding the nature of the threat from violent extremism and how this may impact directly or indirectly on Trade Techs
- Understanding and managing potential risks within Trade Techs and from external influences
- Responding appropriately to events in local, national or international news that may impact on learners and communities
- Ensuring measures are in place to minimise the potential for acts of violent extremist within Trade Techs i.e. Safeguarding and Prevent risk assessment
- Ensuring plans are in place to respond appropriately to a threat or incident within Trade Techs
- Developing effective ICT security and responsible user policies

9. What do I do if I am worried about the radicalisation of a learner?

Each local area has a Channel Panel, which is an operational partnership established to respond to these types of concerns.

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