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SAFEGUARDING: PREVENT AND RADICALISATION

Welcome

Welcome to the newsletter, we'll be updating the newsletter every other month with regular hints, tips and advice. This newsletter is focussed on Prevent.

What is it?

Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent works with and supports community groups and social enterprise projects who provide services and support to vulnerable people.

Facts about Prevent

- Prevent deals with all forms of terrorism, including Islamist and extreme right wing, and in some cases non-violent extremism.
- It does not focus on any one community
- It aims to steer vulnerable individuals from radicalisation and extremist ideology as well as supporting and disengaging those who have already engaged in extremism or terrorism views.
- The Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU) takes down

extremist content that could influence the vulnerable.

- Under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 it ensures that prevent duties should cover schools, colleges, universities, health, local authorities, police and prisons.

What materials should you be concerned about?

The internet is used by some people to promote terrorism and extremism. You can challenge and report terrorist and extremist content you find online, which you feel is offensive, or illegal. Examples of material that may be of concern include:

- articles, images, speeches or videos that promote terrorism or encourage violence
- content encouraging people to commit acts of terrorism
- websites made by terrorist or extremist organisations
- videos of terrorist attacks

Proscribed organisations

The government has created a list of terrorist groups or organisations banned under UK law.

An organisation may be proscribed if it meets the following criteria:

- commits or participates in acts of terrorism
- prepares for terrorism
- promotes or encourages terrorism
- is otherwise concerned in terrorism

What should you do?

Are you concerned about someone? Maybe you've noticed a change in someone's behaviour, are they becoming withdrawn, or acting differently? Maybe it's something the person has said that's worrying you. if you worry something is wrong you should ask other members of staff if they feel the same or directly to the person, if others agree you should notify staff in support roles or if your company has a safeguarding team.



Safeguarding Team

Contact Steadfast Training's Safeguarding team on 0845 223 2401 or email sonia.roberts@steadfasttraining.co.uk or ian.gow@steadfasttraining.co.uk

999 if there is an immediate threat to life, or ring the police on 101 who would put you in touch with your local officer who has a Prevent remit.

The **police anti-terrorist hotline** on 0800 789 321

Crimestoppers on 0800 55511 who can be contacted anonymously with information about crime

NSPCC who recently launched a free 24 hour helpline on 0800 800 5000 for parents worried about radicalisation and the impact of terrorism.

9 Protected Characteristics;

- Age
- Disability
- Gender Reassignment
- Marriage & Civil Partnership
- Pregnancy & Maternity
- Race
- Religion or Belief (including lack of belief)
- Sex
- Sexual Orientation

The Prevent Duty

The Prevent Duty is part of the government strategy to reduce the risk of Extremism, Terrorism and Radicalisation. Extremism is the holding of extreme political or religious views. How can we prevent it? Whilst the signs are different in each case, we can see some of or a mixture of these changes in dress, clothing or social groups, secretive behaviour,

showing sympathy for extremist causes, advocating extremist messages, glorifying violence, accessing extremist literature and imagery, showing a mistrust of mainstream media reports and belief in conspiracy theories and appearing angry about governmental policies, especially foreign policy

Report possible terrorist activity online If you are concerned about someone or see anything suspicious call the local police or the police anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321.

You can also report it online on the Met police website.

British Values

British Values are defined as;

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs and for those without faith.

If you wish to raise an issue of safeguarding for a learner or individual related to Steadfast Training Ltd in any way, please contact the centre immediately on: 0845 223 2401.

For more information on anything covered in the newsletter, feedback or ideas for the next issue, please contact us on info@steadfasttraining.co.uk.