

Prevent Anti-Radicalisation Policy

Policy Statement

UKGuardianship recognises the importance of making all individuals aware of the Prevent Strand of the national Contest strategy, the policy and procedure to follow if they identify any concerns in relation to radicalisation and extremism, and how we can work with partners to protect children from this form of child abuse.

Introduction

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 mandates that specific organisations must "have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism."

UKGuardianship is among these organisations, as it plays a vital role in safeguarding vulnerable individuals and supporting national security efforts. The Prevent Duty (2023) offers guidance for schools and childcare providers: *Prevent duty guidance: England and Wales (2023)*, available on GOV.UK.

The core aim of the Prevent strategy is to mitigate the risk of terrorism in the UK by preventing individuals from being radicalised into supporting or engaging in terrorist activities. Staff at UKGuardianship must be equipped to identify children who may be at risk of radicalisation and understand the necessary steps to take when such cases are identified. Additionally, UKGuardianship is in a position to help strengthen young people's resilience to radicalisation by promoting core British values, and encouraging them to challenge extremist viewpoints.

'Extremism' refers to vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, such as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance for those of different faiths and beliefs. It also includes incitements to harm or death to members of the armed forces, whether domestic or international. Terrorist groups often draw upon extremist ideologies propagated by radical organisations.

The specific risks affecting children and young people vary depending on their local environment and age. Staff members at UKGuardianship, as well as host families and drivers, are in a critical position to spot these risks within their local context. It is also crucial that UKGuardianship recognises the increased threat of online radicalisation, where terrorist groups like IS and far-right organisations utilise social media and the internet to influence young people.

There is no single indicator that can definitively identify someone at risk of embracing terrorist ideologies. Staff at UKGuardianship need to remain vigilant for any changes in a young person's behaviour that could indicate vulnerability and should take appropriate action when they observe concerning behaviour. Young people who are vulnerable to radicalisation may show various signs, and some may try to conceal their beliefs. Staff should use their professional judgement to identify potential risks and respond accordingly. While staff are not expected to interfere unnecessarily with family life, they must act in the best interest of the young person when safeguarding concerns arise.

Training

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Annie Fang, and the Deputy DSLs (DDSLs) undertake Prevent awareness training and are responsible for offering guidance and support to other staff members in safeguarding young people from radicalisation. This training is provided as part of staff induction and

is updated at least annually. Students are also informed of the Prevent Anti-Radicalisation policy when they join UKGuardianship.

The Home Office has developed a range of e-learning modules, which are valuable resources for UKGuardianship staff, homestays and volunteers:

1. **Prevent Awareness E-learning** – This provides an introduction to the Prevent duty, suitable for staff and host families.
2. **Prevent Referral E-learning** – This module helps staff make well-informed and thorough Prevent referrals, ideally for DSLs, DDSLs, and Directors.
3. **Channel Awareness E-learning** – This is aimed at staff who may be asked to participate in or contribute to a multi-agency Channel panel, with additional optional training for DSL and DDSL.

All training materials can be accessed at: [Prevent e-learning](#)

Procedure for reporting concerns

1. UKG staff member receives a report about a child or young person displaying indicators of radicalisation from a student, member of staff at a school, parent, homestay or other source by face to face disclosure, email or telephone call, or staff member develops concerns that a child or young person is displaying possible indicators of radicalisation.
2. UKG staff member adheres to the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy including contemporaneously recording the disclosure in the most appropriate format (using the Tell Explain Describe model if the information is being given by a student), or reporting their concerns in writing to the Prevent Lead, Annie Fang, service@ukguardianship.com.
3. The record of the disclosure is reported verbally as soon as practicable to the Prevent Lead, Annie Fang, 020 3576 8880.
4. The staff member must submit a written record of the disclosure or concern to the Prevent Lead Annie Fang, service@ukguardianship.com.
5. The Prevent Lead will hold an emergency strategy meeting to discuss the incident, assess the alleged threat and risk to the child, implement an action plan and continue to review the situation until a resolution has been achieved. The meeting will be recorded with timed and dated entries within an incident Record to record all actions and updates.
6. The incident will be referred to a statutory agency for further review where this is a necessary, relevant and proportionate course of action where a child or young person may be at risk of suffering significant harm or in need of support.

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In areas of the UK identified as having a higher Prevent priority, local authorities will have designated Prevent leads who can offer additional support. The local police can be contacted for non-emergencies by dialling 101. The Department for Education (DfE) has a dedicated helpline for reporting concerns about extremism:

Tel: 020 7340 7264

Email: counter.extremism@education.gov.uk

Please note that this helpline is not for emergency situations, such as when a young person is at immediate risk or in the case of a security threat. In such cases, the appropriate emergency procedures should be followed.

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