



Prevent Strategy

THE LONDON COLLEGE: PREVENT STRATEGY

1. Introduction

This Strategy is designed to support the national Prevent Agenda, which is one of the four elements of CONTEST, the national counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The National Prevent Strategy:

- 1.1. Responds to the ideological challenge we face from terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views.
- 1.2. Provides practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support.
- 1.3. Works with a wide range of sectors (including education, health, criminal justice and faith groups) where there are perceived risks of radicalisation.

The strategy covers all forms of terrorism, including far-right extremism and some aspects of non-violent extremism.

The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act (2015) places a duty on specified authorities including colleges and universities to 'have due regard ... to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'.

The London College has developed a culture of safety and respect for its student, staff, members of the Board of Governance and visitors. As part of this ethos the College has considered the Prevent Duty and the importance of collaborative working between college staff, local authorities, police, other educational institutions, policy makers and health providers to identify, detect and safeguard vulnerable people throughout the organisation.

2. The Prevent Duty

The Prevent Duty requires The London College to:

- 2.1. Work in partnership with and actively engage with members of governing boards, principals, managers, community leaders and other partners including the Office for Students, police, local support agencies, college staff and liaison officers. The College will need to make sure that all its staff have undertaken appropriate Prevent-related training.
- 2.2. Have clear and visible policies in place for both staff and learners with regard to risk assessment. This also includes policies for events that may take place involving staff, student, visitors, external bodies and community organisations. The relevant staff will also need to be aware of places or areas of learning, where learners and staff may be in contact with or possibly become involved with terrorism.

- 2.3. Have sufficient support available for welfare and pastoral care. This includes the clear guidance and policies available to all on the use of prayer room and other faith-related facilities, and any issues that may occur from the use of these facilities.
- 2.4. Have policies in place for the use of information technology on the premises and for the use of research in curriculum areas.

3. Objectives

- 3.1. To promote, implement and monitor the College's responsibilities under the Prevent Duty.
- 3.2. To promote and embed British Values into the organisation's procedures and curriculum.
- 3.3. To set a strategy, objectives and an action plan to achieve the Prevent Duty
- 3.4. To break down segregation among different student groups and to engage all students in having a full and active role with respect to wider engagement in society
- 3.5. To ensure student and staff safety.
- 3.6. To ensure that the College promotes a culture of non-bullying, non-harassment and non-discrimination.
- 3.7. To provide support for students who may be at risk and develop appropriate sources of advice and guidance.
- 3.8. To ensure that students and staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities in preventing violent extremism and radicalisation.

4. British Values

The Prevent Duty expects British Values to be embedded into the curriculum and into the ethos of the College. These Values are:-

- a) Democracy
- b) The rule of law
- c) Individual liberty
- d) Mutual respect
- e) Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

The College's Principal, assisted by the Principal's Executive Group and the Board of Governance, will lead on the embedding of British Values. The Executive Group will from time to time propose actions to be taken throughout the College's operations to ensure that British Values are understood by all and are integral to the College's culture.

5. Safeguarding Ethos

The College recognises its statutory and moral duty to ensure that the College functions with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of adults at risk whilst receiving education and training at the College.

a. Students

Students will receive safeguarding training and information to inform and raise awareness of the Prevent agenda:

Information of the Prevent Agenda and Duty will be promoted to students by inclusion in:-

- a) Curriculum offerings
- b) Safeguarding posters
- c) Safeguarding policy and procedures
- d) Online induction information
- e) Training and development sessions

b. Staff

Staff will receive awareness training and guidance on how to deal with:-

- a) Inappropriate material and behaviours
- b) Disclosures by learners about their exposure to extremist actions, views or materials
- c) Accessing extremist material on line
- d) Parental or peer concerns
- e) Intolerance of difference

The College will ensure that all staff are familiar with the Prevent agenda, be able to promote British Values, understand how they can recognise practice and behaviours in students and colleagues and are aware of the course of action to take if they are concerned.

c. Governors

The Board of Governance takes a proactive role in the Prevent Strategy and receive reports from the Principal as necessary. Members of the College's Board of Governance will receive updates on safeguarding which include the Prevent agenda.

6. Referral Procedure

College staff should be aware of signs of radicalisation and have the confidence to report their concerns to their line manager or the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

The line manager / DSL will then inform the Principal, who will discuss the matter with other Senior Managers and external agencies (including the police, the local authority and 'Channel' officers) as necessary.

If you are worried that someone is being radicalised and you do not know who your Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or an equivalent is, you can call the national police Prevent line on 0800 011 3764 to get advice or share a concern so that they can get safeguarding support. Alternatively, you can contact your local authority safeguarding team for help.

If you're deaf, hard of hearing or have a speech impairment, a police non-emergency number is available as a text phone service on 18001 101