



University of Bolton Prevent Policy

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose & Scope

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate the University's clear understanding of its Prevent related responsibilities and to set out good practice within the Institution.

The University is required under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 ('Act') to 'have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism' and adhere to any guidance issued under section 29 of the Act. In guidance, 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. It includes in its definition of extremism calls for death of members of armed forces, whether in this country or overseas. The Channel process forms a key part of the Government's Prevent strategy as a multi-agency approach to identify and provide early stage support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism - the University, as a specified Partner to the Channel programme, is required to cooperate with the Local Authority to secure effective local cooperation and delivery of Channel in all areas and to build on the good practice already operating in many areas.

The University has implemented its new statutory requirements in a proportionate and risk-based way to ensure it has properly thought through procedures and policies in place which can be appropriately followed and applied. Compliance has been achieved in consultation with its Department of Education FE/HE Regional Prevent Coordinator ('Regional Prevent Coordinator').

This Prevent Policy applies to all staff and students of the University.

2. Principles

2.1 Approach

2.1.1 The University takes seriously its responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of students, staff and the wider community and as part of this, it seeks to do all that it can to prevent any member of the University community from being drawn into radicalisation and terrorism. It also recognises that it has a statutory responsibility to protect academic freedom and general freedom of expression. Whilst the University has a duty to have due regard to all members of its community, including its staff and students, its primary focus is on its student community who may be the most vulnerable to being drawn into radicalisation and terrorism.

2.1.2 The University has developed a Prevent action plan to implement the new Prevent Duty 'in a proportionate and risk-based manner' based on the findings of its risk assessment of the institution and its institutional policies regarding the campus and student welfare, which assessed where and how its students might be at risk of being drawn into radicalisation and terrorism. The risk assessment encompassed violent and non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists exploit.

2.1.3 The University recognises that there is no single way of identifying who is likely to be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism - factors that may have a bearing on someone being vulnerable may include: peer pressure, influence from other people or via the internet, bullying, crime against them or their involvement in crime, anti-social behaviour, family tensions,



2.4 External Speakers

2.4.1 The University's Code of Practice relating to Freedom of Speech and meetings on University Campus: <https://www.bolton.ac.uk/governance/documents-and-reports/> reflects the new Prevent Duty; it sets out how the University will manage events on campus and use all its premises whilst ensuring



Duty and of the measures set out above to comply with it. Members of the University community who are concerned about a student who might be at risk of being drawn into radicalisation and terrorism should report this to one of the following:

their line manager;
Director of Student Services and Experience who is also the University Safeguarding Officer;
Deputy Student Services Manager who is also the Prevent Coordinator and Deputy Safeguarding Officer.

4. Related Policies and Procedures

The following policies and procedures are related to the Prevent Policy which include, without limitation, the following:

Code of Practice relating to Freedom of Speech and meetings on University Campus
Code of Practice relating to Freedom of Speech and all Planned, Affiliated, Funded or Branded Events taking place Off Campus
Internet Security Policy
Acceptable Use Policy for Students
Acceptable Use Policy for Staff
Research Ethics Framework Policy
Data Protection Policy
Processing Your Personal Data
Student Social Media Guidance
Chaplaincy Policies, Guidance and Procedures
Health and Safety Policy
Dignity at Study Policy (The University Policy on Harassment, Bullying, Discrimination and Victimisation)

5. Equality Impact Assessment

The University of Bolton is committed to the promotion of equality, diversity and a supportive environment for all members of our community. Our commitment to equality and diversity means that this Policy has been screened in relation to the use of plain English, the promotion of the positive duty in relation to the protected characteristics of race, sex, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity.



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