

Basingstoke Policy for Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation

1. Our commitment

The government Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, places a duty upon all education providers to have regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This Prevent Duty forms part of the wider governments CONTEST counter terrorism strategy:

- Prevent terrorism – stop people becoming terrorists
- Pursue terrorism – disrupt and stop terror attacks
- Protect against terrorism – strengthen UK protection
- Prepare to deal with terrorism – mitigate impact of attacks that can't be stopped.

As a nation we continue to prioritise according to the threat posed to our national security; the allocation of resources will be proportionate to the threats we face. The most significant of these threats is currently from terrorist organisations in Syria and Iraq, and Al Qaida associated groups. Additionally, terrorists associated with the extreme right also pose a continued threat to our safety and security. There has been an increase in lone acts of terror opposed to mass organised terror activities, the government strategy now includes ways in which to identify risk of these instances.

The aim of the Prevent strategy is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The Prevent strategy has three specific strategic objectives:

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
2. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support.
3. Work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address.

2. Basingstoke ITEC Objectives

- The Safeguarding and Prevent Lead ensures that all staff undertake regular training and that Prevent and the promotion of British Values, democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs is integrated across the learning journey.
- Staff are all aware of when it is appropriate to refer concerns about learners or colleagues to the provider's safeguarding officer or in an emergency to the police.
- Basingstoke ITEC will continually review its' own risk assessment plan which is checked by the trustee with responsibility for Safeguarding and Prevent

3. Scope

This policy relates to all Trustees, staff and learners including those of our sub contracted provision.