

Welfare Awareness Topic: Prevent Duty

Overview – BPP has a legal responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all their students and to ensure that they operate within the law. The Prevent Duty is a government strategy and was introduced to safeguard communities against the threat of extremism, radicalisation and terrorism and for the promotion of British Values.

At BPP we treat Prevent under the safeguarding umbrella. If it is a Prevent concern it is also a safeguarding concern, as we are **worried about that individual and want to keep them safe**. This is not about preventing students from having political and religious views or concerns but supporting them to use or act on their views and concerns in a non-extremist way.

What does Prevent mean?

Prevent is the strategy adopted by the Government to stop individuals being radicalised. The intention behind the Prevent duty is to stop the real threat of terrorism.

- **Ideology:** A set of beliefs.
- **Extremism:** Defined by the Government 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”.
- **Radicalisation:** The process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies.
- **Terrorism:** A violent act against people or property, designed to create fear and advance a political, religious or ideological cause.
- **British Values:** British values are defined as democracy, rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different religions.

Concerns and identifying possible warning signs- though radicalisation has no single route, there are behaviours to watch out for that are often presented if someone is being drawn into extremism:

- Evidence of sharing or accessing extremist materials online and on social media
- A change in behaviour, or changes in friendship groups- perhaps becoming more secretive
- Changes in appearance
- Changes to a family situation or family tensions
- Being influenced or controlled by group
- Becoming intolerant to anyone not sharing their views, and being unwilling to listen to others
- Evidence of homophobic, religious or racist bullying
- Expressions of or incitement to harm to particular groups, and use of derogatory language

If you are worried, act early and reach out for help to discuss your concerns.

Article/Source

- Please follow [this link](#) to some online resources which explain Prevent in more detail and how to stay safe online.
- If you are concerned about someone within BPP then please contact prevent@bpp.com.
- For more information on the Prevent Duty, or if you are worried about someone in your own life, perhaps a friend or family member and want to seek advice on how to help them, please visit [ACT Early](#) for advice and information.

Support

If you would like to talk to the safeguarding team about anything you have just read, we will listen without judgement and signpost you to support. If you would like to talk to a member of the Safeguarding Team then please get in touch: safeguarding@bpp.com