

## **Prevent Duty Policy**

SLH recognises that safeguarding against radicalisation is no different from safeguarding against any other vulnerability. The current threat from extremism in the United Kingdom can involve the exploitation of vulnerable people, including children, young people and vulnerable adult. Since 2010, when the Government published the Prevent Strategy, there has been increased awareness of the specific need to safeguard children, young people and families from extremism. Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The Government has defined extremism in the Prevent Strategy 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 is defined as the process by which people come to support terrorism and extremism and, in some cases, to then participate in terrorist groups.

The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, which became law in February 2015, puts responsibility on schools, other education, and youth settings to participate in multi-agency work aiming to prevent young people from being drawn into terrorism, and to challenge extremist ideas that support, or are shared by terrorist groups – commonly referred to as the **Prevent Duty**.

SLH is fully committed to work alongside other professional bodies and agencies to prevent young people from being drawn into terrorism. This is not just limited to violent extremism, but also non-violent extremism, which can create an atmosphere conducive to terrorism and can popularise views which terrorists exploit.

This policy is to be read in conjunction with SLH **Safeguarding Policy**.

## **Safeguarding and Training**

SLH will make sure that:

- All members of staff know what the Government policy is on anti-radicalisation and extremism and follow procedures when issues arise
- All members of staff are fully aware of the threats, risks and vulnerabilities that are linked to radicalisation.
- All members of staff are aware of the process of radicalisation and how this might be identified early on.
- The Safeguarding Lead received WRAP (Workshop Raise Awareness on Prevent) training and ensures that the information is shared with all members of staff.

## Report Procedure

Staff member completes the Incident Report Form and sends to the Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding forwards concern to Commissioner within 24 hours of receipt of Form

Safeguarding Lead or Commissioner contacts Anti-Terrorism Hotline for advice and/or support on 999 or 0800 789 321

Safeguarding Lead to pass on advice received to the staff member who raised initial concern

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