

Pippa's Guardians PREVENT – Anti-Radicalisation Policy

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Pippa's Guardians recognises its duty, under section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and in line with The Prevent Duty April 2021, to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism'. The aim of the Prevent Duty is to reduce the threat to the UK from terrorism by stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism

Pippa's Guardians accepts the Department for Education's definition of 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. Also included in this definition of extremism is calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas. Terrorist groups very often draw on extremist ideas developed by extremist organisations.

Pippa's Guardians staff understand the need to be able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and know what to do when they are identified.

The Prevent Duty

In order for all those involved in student welfare to fulfil the Prevent Duty, The Designated Safeguarding and Prevent Lead, Imogen Trevethan and the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ben Hughes have both undertaken Prevent Awareness, Referral and Channel training and can provide advice and support to other members of staff on protecting young people from the risk of radicalisation. We also ask that our Area and Regional Managers complete the Awareness training when joining the company. Pippa's Guardians Host Families may also find taking this course useful as they too are in an important position to identify risks within a local context.

The government has developed a free e-learning course that once successfully completed will meet the Prevent Duty training requirements and this can be found at www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk.

Students will also be alerted to this Prevent policy upon joining Pippa's Guardians through their Area Managers. This is usually done through age appropriate discussion when handing over our new Student Handbook.

The general risks affecting children and young people can vary from area to area, and according to their age. Pippa's Guardians staff and our host families are in an important position to identify risks within a local context. Pippa's Guardians staff also need to be aware of the increased risk of online radicalisation, as terrorist organisations such as ISIL seek to radicalise young people using social media and the internet.

There is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to a terrorist ideology. Therefore, staff must use their professional judgement in identifying children who might be at risk of radicalisation and act proportionately. Pippa's Guardians staff need to be alert to changes in students' behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection. Young people at risk of radicalisation may display different signs or seek to hide their views. Pippa's Guardians staff will not be expected to unnecessarily intrude into their student's life but as with any other safeguarding risk, they must act when they observe any behaviour of concern.

If Pippa's Guardians staff, host families or students do have a concern about a young person, they should follow the Pippa's Guardians normal safeguarding procedures, including discussing their concerns with the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Prevent Lead, Imogen Trevethan or Deputy DSL, Ben Hughes. Further steps can then be taken by the DSL or DDSL to refer on to the appropriate authority.

DSL/Prevent Lead– Imogen Trevethan

07593 443685 or imogen@pippasguardians.co.uk

DDSL - Ben Hughes

07714 034749 or ben@pippasguardians.co.uk

Pippa's Guardians 24-hour duty phone number is 07721 372865

In Prevent priority areas of the UK, the local authority will have a Prevent lead who can also provide support to the DSL or DDSL (or any staff member) if needed. The local police can also be contacted for advice by dialling 101 (non-emergency number).

The Department for Education (DfE) has a dedicated helpline of 0207 3407264 or counter.extremism@education.gov.uk to enable staff to raise concerns relating to extremism directly if preferred. The helpline is not intended for use in emergency situations, such as a young person being at immediate risk of harm or a security incident, in which case the normal emergency procedures such as dialling 999 should be followed.

This very useful website has further information and practical help and guidance
- <https://www.ltai.info/useful-links/>

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