

Pippa's Guardians PREVENT (Anti-Radicalisation) Policy

Overview

Pippa's Guardians recognises that protecting children and young people from the risk of radicalisation forms an integral part of its wider safeguarding responsibilities. We are committed to safeguarding all students from harm, including the risk of being drawn into terrorism or extremist activity, in accordance with Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 and the Revised Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales (2023).

The aim of the Prevent Duty is to reduce the threat to the United Kingdom from terrorism by preventing people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Pippa's Guardians adopts 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. This also includes calls for the death of members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas."

Radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism or extremist ideologies associated with terrorist groups.

Pippa's Guardians recognises that vulnerability to radicalisation can arise from a range of extremist ideologies, including Islamist extremism, extreme right wing extremism and other ideologies that encourage violence, hatred or terrorism.

Prevent is a safeguarding duty. Being vulnerable to radicalisation does not mean that an individual has committed a criminal offence. The purpose of Prevent is to identify concerns early and provide appropriate support before an individual becomes involved in terrorism or extremist activity.

Responsibilities

All employees, Area Managers, Regional Managers, Host Families and anyone working on behalf of Pippa's Guardians shares responsibility for safeguarding students from radicalisation.

They are expected to:

- remain alert to signs of radicalisation and extremism;
- complete Prevent training appropriate to their role;
- report concerns immediately in line with safeguarding procedures;
- maintain accurate, factual records of concerns; and
- support the safeguarding and welfare of all students.

Training

To ensure that all those involved in student welfare fulfil the Prevent Duty:

- The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) will complete Prevent Awareness training.
- The Prevent Lead will complete Prevent Awareness, Prevent Referrals and Channel training.

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- Area and Regional Managers are required to complete Prevent Awareness training when joining the organisation.
- Host Families are offered the opportunity to complete Prevent Awareness training as part of their safeguarding responsibilities.

The Government provides a free Prevent e-learning course which meets the Prevent Duty training requirements. Staff and Host Families will be directed to this training as appropriate.

Students will be introduced to this policy by their Area Manager during their first meet and greet through age appropriate discussion and the Student Handbook.

Identifying Vulnerability

There is no single profile of a person who may become vulnerable to radicalisation. Staff should use professional judgement when considering whether a student may require safeguarding support.

Indicators of concern may include:

- sudden changes in behaviour, attitudes or friendships;
- expressing extremist or intolerant views;
- supporting or justifying acts of terrorism or violence;
- possessing or sharing extremist literature or online content;
- increased secrecy around internet or social media use;
- becoming isolated from family or peers;
- attempting to recruit or influence others; or
- any other significant behavioural changes that cause safeguarding concerns.

These indicators do not necessarily mean that a student is being radicalised. Concerns should always be considered within the wider safeguarding context and assessed proportionately by experts in the field.

Online Safety

Pippa's Guardians recognises that radicalisation increasingly takes place online.

Students may encounter extremist content through:

- social media platforms;
- messaging apps;
- gaming communities;
- online forums;
- video sharing platforms; and
- other internet services.

Staff and Host Families should remain vigilant to online risks and report any concerns to the safeguarding team using the process below

Reporting Concerns

If any member of staff, Host Family or student has concerns that a young person may be vulnerable to radicalisation, they must follow Pippa's Guardians' safeguarding procedures immediately.

The following process should be followed:

1. Record the concern promptly, accurately and factually using the concerns form found [here](#).
2. Report the concern immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead or Prevent Lead.
3. The DSL or Prevent Lead will assess the information and determine the most appropriate course of action.
4. Where appropriate, advice will be sought from the local Prevent team or police Prevent officers.
5. Where the threshold is met, a referral may be made to the local authority Prevent team for consideration through the Channel programme.

Where there is an immediate risk to life or a security incident, staff must contact the emergency services by dialling **999** before notifying the Designated Safeguarding Lead.

The Channel Programme

Channel is a voluntary, confidential, multi-agency safeguarding programme which provides support to individuals who are vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism.

Participation is intended to reduce vulnerability through appropriate interventions and support. It is not a criminal justice process.

Information Sharing and Confidentiality

Prevent concerns will be handled in accordance with UK GDPR, the Data Protection Act 2018 and statutory safeguarding guidance.

Information will be shared only with those who need to know in order to safeguard a child or young person. Concerns should never be withheld because of data protection considerations where there is a risk of harm.

All Prevent concerns will be recorded factually, securely and in accordance with the Pippa's Guardians' safeguarding policy.

Risk Assessment

Pippa's Guardians will regularly consider the risk of students being exposed to radicalisation and extremist influences.

Risk assessments will take account of:

- local and national Prevent risk information;
- the profile and needs of our students;
- online safeguarding risks;
- intelligence shared by safeguarding partners; and
- any emerging trends or changes in Government guidance.

Support and Contacts

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

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Out-of-Hours Emergency

Pippa's Guardians Duty Phone: **07721 372865**

External Support

In Prevent Priority Areas, the local authority Prevent Lead can provide advice and support where appropriate.

The police can be contacted on **101** for non-emergency Prevent advice.

The Department for Education also provides a dedicated Prevent helpline:

Telephone: 020 7340 7264

Email: counter.extremism@education.gov.uk

The helpline is not intended for emergency situations. If there is an immediate risk to life or a security incident, dial **999** immediately.

Staff should also refer to the official Government Prevent guidance [here](#) and training resources [here](#) for further information.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or sooner if:

- legislation changes;
- Government guidance is updated;
- safeguarding reviews identify improvements; or
- organisational changes require amendment.

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