

Policy	Prevent Policy – ORG80
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Purpose	To ensure the College has a policy and procedures in place to ensure it meets its duty under Prevent.
Scope	All students, staff and visitors to the College.
Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity	<p><i>“[Derwen] College is committed to promoting equality, good relations and to challenging discrimination. This is reflected in all College policies, procedures, processes and practices.”</i></p> <p><i>Derwen College Equal Opportunities Policy</i></p> <p>Derwen College's ethos is to embrace diversity, to offer equality of opportunity, and to treat every individual fairly and with respect. Equality, diversity and inclusivity are embedded throughout the organisation. This policy should be applied in accordance with this ethos.</p> <p>If you would like a copy of this document in a different format, such as large print, please contact the Human Resources Department who will provide help with alternative formats.</p>

Purpose

To ensure Derwen College has a policy and procedures in place that fulfil its duties under the Prevent Duty, as set out in the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, and the revised Prevent Duty Guidance for Further Education institutions (Home Office & DfE, September 2023).

Scope

Applies to all students, staff, volunteers, governors, and visitors to the College.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity

Derwen College is committed to promoting equality, diversity, and inclusion. These values are embedded in all aspects of College life. This policy should be read alongside the Equality and Diversity Policy and applied consistently with this ethos.

1. Overview of Prevent Strategy

Prevent is part of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism in any form. The Prevent Strategy focuses on safeguarding individuals from radicalisation, regardless of ideology or belief system. It applies equally to risks arising from far-right, Islamist, or other forms of extremism.

The UK threat level is published at: <https://www.gov.uk/terrorism-national-emergency>.

2. The Prevent Duty

Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on colleges to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. The 2023 guidance requires providers to take a risk-based approach proportionate to local circumstances.

FE colleges must:

- Work in partnership with local authorities, police, and safeguarding partners.
- Undertake risk assessments to identify and mitigate risks of radicalisation.
- Provide training for staff and awareness for students.
- Ensure clear referral pathways for Prevent and Channel.
- Embed British Values within the curriculum and culture.

3. Objectives

- Promote, implement and monitor responsibilities under the Prevent Duty.
- Embed British Values across the College.
- Ensure student and staff safety.
- Provide support for individuals vulnerable to radicalisation.
- Promote a culture of openness, inclusion and respect for all.

4. British Values

Democracy

The rule of law

Individual liberty

Mutual respect
Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

5. Safeguarding Ethos

The Prevent Duty forms part of the College's wider safeguarding responsibilities. Derwen College is committed to protecting all learners and staff from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, including radicalisation and extremist influence.

6. Students

Students receive Prevent and safeguarding training through PSHE, tutorials, theme weeks and College communications. Awareness materials and reporting mechanisms are promoted across all sites.

7. Staff

All staff complete mandatory Prevent training via our online learning platform, the Home Office eLearning module or equivalent and undertake refreshers annually. Staff should recognise indicators of radicalisation and report concerns through MyConcern or directly to the DSL team.

8. Governors

Governors receive regular updates and training on safeguarding and Prevent. They monitor compliance through reports from the DSL and Safeguarding Committee.

9. Partnerships

The College maintains active links with local safeguarding partners, West Mercia Police Prevent Team, and other education providers. The College promotes open debate, critical thinking and celebration of diversity.

10. Internal Referral Procedure

Concerns about radicalisation must be reported immediately using MyConcern and/or directly to a member of the DSL team:

- Paul Bradshaw – Head of Safeguarding / DSL
- Jessica Thompstone – Deputy DSL
- Samantha Brown – Deputy DSL (Telford, Walford and Ludlow)

The DSL will assess and, where appropriate, consult with the West Mercia Prevent Officer for advice or referral to Channel.

11. Channel

Channel is a multi-agency safeguarding programme supporting individuals vulnerable to radicalisation. The DSL liaises with the Prevent Officer and participates in Channel Panels where appropriate.

12. Prevent Risk Assessment

The College maintains a Prevent Risk Register overseen by the Head of Safeguarding. It is reviewed at least annually by the Safeguarding and Prevent Committee and by Governors in the the Standards and Effectiveness Committee, where actions are tracked.

13. Making a Prevent Referral

Staff should report Prevent concerns using our bespoke safeguarding system MyConcern. If for any reason My Concern is not accessible then any concerns should be passed directly to a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). DSL's will be responsible for ensuring all relevant action is taken and that if necessary, a Prevent referral is made externally. All records of chronological actions and notes will be stored securely in MyConcern.