



NWSLC

Prevent Strategy and Risk Assessment 2023-24 V2

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Introduction

It is our aim that all North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College students are able to contribute effectively to the wider community, using the skills and knowledge they have acquired during their time here. As well as being fully engaged in their learning experience, we want our students to become responsible and well-rounded individuals.

Our **College Strategic Plan** confirms a mission to **achieve success through learning**, through the following values:

- **Nurturing**
- **Work ready**
- **Sustainable**
- **Leading**
- **Collaborative**

At North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College students will always be: **Ready, Respectful and Safe.**

To ensure that our students develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours required, as Educational Leaders and Governors, we are responsible for providing a curriculum which:

- Is broad and balanced, complies with statutory requirements and provides a wide range of subjects which prepare students for the opportunities, responsibilities, and experiences of life in Modern Britain.
- Actively promotes the fundamental British Values of **democracy**, the **rule of law**, **individual liberty** and **mutual respect** and **tolerance**.
- Promotes **tolerance** of and **respect** for people of all faiths, no faith and of different cultures through the effective spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our students.

Prevent

Prevent is a strand of the UK Government counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The UK faces a range of terrorist threats. All the terrorist groups who pose a threat to us seek to radicalise and recruit people to their cause.

The work of Prevent is to reduce the risk from terrorism to the UK, its citizens, and interests overseas, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence.

Prevent remains one of the key pillars of CONTEST, alongside the other three 'P' work strands:

- Prevent: to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
- Pursue: to stop terrorist attacks
- Protect: to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack
- Prepare: to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

The Prevent Duty

The aim of Prevent is to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. Prevent also extends to supporting the rehabilitation and disengagement of those already involved in terrorism.

The Prevent duty requires specified authorities such as education, health, local authorities, police, and criminal justice agencies (prisons and probation) to help prevent the risk of people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It sits alongside long-established safeguarding duties on professionals to protect people from a range of other harms, such as substance abuse, involvement

in gangs, and physical and sexual exploitation. The duty helps to ensure that people who are susceptible to radicalisation are supported as they would be under safeguarding processes.

[Prevent duty guidance: Guidance for specified authorities in England and Wales \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk/guidance/counter-terrorism/prevent-duty-guidance)

Prevent Objectives

Prevent is one part of the government's overall counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST. The objectives of Prevent are to:

1. tackle the ideological causes of terrorism.
 2. intervene early to support people susceptible to radicalisation.
 3. enable people who have already engaged in terrorism to disengage and rehabilitate.
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1. To tackle the ideological causes of terrorism, Prevent focuses on reducing the influence of radicalisers on susceptible audiences, as well as reducing the availability of, and access to, terrorist content.
 2. Prevent intervenes early by identifying people who are susceptible to radicalisation and providing support to those suitable for intervention.
 3. Rehabilitation seeks to reduce the risk of people who have been involved in terrorist-related activity, including those who have been convicted of offences.

Threat and Risk

Prevent deals with all kinds of terrorist threats to the UK. Prevent's first objective is to tackle the ideological causes of terrorism. The ideological component of terrorism is what sets it apart from other acts of serious violence. Islamist ideology is resilient and enduring. Extreme Right-Wing ideology is resurgent. Other ideologies are less present, but still have the potential to motivate, inspire and be used to justify terrorism.

A system of threat level has been created and is set by the Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre and the Security Service (MI5). Threat levels can change at any time. [Terrorism and national emergencies: Terrorism threat levels - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/terrorism-and-national-emergencies/terrorism-threat-levels)

Threat Levels

There are 5 levels of threat:

- low - an attack is highly unlikely.
- moderate - an attack is possible but not likely.
- substantial - an attack is likely.
- severe - an attack is highly likely.
- critical - an attack is highly likely in the near future.

Current Terror Threat Level

National threat level at the time of publication:

- ❖ The threat to the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) from terrorism is **substantial**.

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Colleges have a responsibility to promote the values of openness and mutual tolerance and respect to facilitate free debate which are the characteristics of British citizenship.

North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College take all reasonable steps to promote and safeguard the welfare of all individuals engaged in college activities. The College is committed to the creation of an inclusive and safe community which does not allow for individuals or groups to be stigmatised, marginalised, or excluded from college life.

The college is alert to violent extremism, and also non-violent extremism, including certain divisive or intolerant narratives which can reasonably be linked to terrorism.

The Prevent Duty requirements are met alongside the colleges wider safeguarding and welfare responsibilities to students and apprentices. This work is linked to the DfE Keeping Children Safe in Education, Working together to Safeguard Children and linked to the NWSLC Safeguarding and Protecting Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy 2023 [NWSLC Safeguarding Policy 2023](#)

Through the college Prevent Risk assessment, the risk of radicalisation is managed, the college complies with the Prevent duty making sure that; susceptibility to radicalisation is incorporated into safeguarding training, policies, and risk assessments.

How we embed Prevent within our college communities:

- P** Promotion of Equality and Diversity and positive relationships between students
- R** Referral of any concerns via Safeguarding staff to relevant authorities
- E** Education for students on specific courses, and tutorials
- V** Vetting and removal of any posters or other materials of an extremist nature
- E** Environment –a safe and secure site with CCTV, sufficient security procedures and online filters
- N** News monitoring for any concerns in the locality
- T** Training of staff to raise awareness of the signs and risks

Where to get help

If you have any concerns about Prevent or the College, please contact a member of the Safeguarding team on:

North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College

Call: 0330 058 3000 ext 3125

Email: safe@nwslc.ac.uk

Website for further information: [Safeguarding - NWSLC](#)

You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

If there is an imminent threat of harm to others phone the Police on 999 or the Anti-terrorist hotline on 0800 789 321.

THE PREVENT STRATEGY

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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 PREVENT Strategy

- Responds to the ideological challenge we face from terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views
- Provides practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support
- Works with a wide range of sectors (including education, criminal justice, faith, charities, online and health) where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to deal with
- Covers all forms of terrorism, including far right extremism and some aspects of non-violent extremism

Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College is a safe place to learn and we intend to keep it this way. Reporting concerns is everybody's business.

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What we are doing in college

P

Promotion of Equality and Diversity and positive relationships between students

R

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