

Shockout Arts Prevent Policy

The purpose of this policy is to:

Support the prevention of violent and non-violent extremism and radicalisation at Shockout Arts in line with the Government PREVENT strategy 2015:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

- ensure an awareness of “Prevent” within Shockout Arts
- provide a clear framework to structure and inform our response to potential radicalisation, including a supportive referral process for those who may be susceptible to the messages of extremism
- to provide a framework to embed British Values into the curriculum and ways of working and
- recognize current practice which contributes to the Prevent Agenda and identify areas for improvement

1. Why do we need this policy?

Background Information

Prevent is one of four strands of the Government’s counter terrorism strategy – CONTEST. The UK currently faces a range of terrorist threats. Terrorist groups who pose a threat to the UK seek to radicalise and recruit people to their cause. Therefore, early intervention is at the heart of Prevent, which aims to divert people away from being drawn into terrorist activity.

Who does this policy apply to?

The Prevent Policy applies to everyone working at or attending the Shockout Arts. It places responsibilities on all Trustees; Shockout Arts Staff; Learners; Volunteers; Contractors; Visitors; Consultants; and those working under self-employed arrangements.

Statement

Shockout Arts has adopted the Prevent Duty in accordance with legislative requirements.

The aim of the Prevent Policy contributes to maintaining a safe, healthy and supportive learning and working environment for our Learners, Staff and Visitors alike. We recognize that extremism and exposure to extremist materials and influences can lead to poor outcomes for learners. We further recognize that if we fail to challenge extremist views, we are failing to protect our Learners from potential harm. As such, the Prevent Agenda, will be addressed as a safeguarding concern and dealt with in accordance with guidance from the National Office of Counter-Terrorism.

Prevent happens before any criminal activity takes place by recognizing, supporting and protecting people who might be susceptible to radicalisation.

The national Prevent Duty confers mandatory duties and responsibilities on a range of public organisations, including Further Education Colleges, and seeks to:

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and aspects of extremism, and the threat we face from those who promote these views;
- provide practical help to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and violent extremism and ensure they are given appropriate advice and support; and
- work with a wide range of sectors where there are risks of radicalisation which needs to be addressed, including education, criminal justice, faith, the internet and health.

2. Definitions

The following are commonly agreed definitions within the Prevent duty:

- an ideology is a set of beliefs;
- radicalisation is the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism that may lead to terrorism;
- safeguarding is the process of protecting vulnerable people, whether from crime, other forms of abuse or from being drawn into terrorism-related activity;
- terrorism is an action that endangers or causes serious violence, damage or disruption and is intended to influence the government or to intimidate the public and is made with the intention of advancing a political, religious or ideological agenda;
- vulnerability describes factors and characteristics associated with being susceptible to radicalisation; and
- extremism is vocal or active opposition to fundamental British Values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual and mutual respect and tolerance of different

faiths and beliefs.

3. Aims

Leadership and Values

To create and maintain Shockout Arts ethos that upholds core values of shared responsibility and wellbeing for all learners, staff and visitors whilst promoting respect, equality and diversity and understanding.

This will be achieved through:

- Tackling the causes of radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism with our staff and students.
- Early intervention to safeguard those at risk of radicalisation.
- Promoting core values of respect, equality and diversity, democratic society, learner voice and participation;
- Building staff and learner understanding of the issues and confidence to deal with them through mandatory staff training, specialist workshops and raising awareness campaigns;
- actively working with the representatives from the community, external partners and public services.

Teaching and Learning

To provide a curriculum that promotes British Values, knowledge, skills and understanding, to build the resilience of learners by undermining extremist ideology and supporting the learner voice.

This will be achieved through:

- embedding British Values, equality, diversity and inclusion, wellbeing and community cohesion throughout the curriculum at Shockout Academy;
- promoting wider skills development such as social and emotional aspects of learning;
- a curriculum adapted to challenge extremist narratives and promote universal rights;
- teaching, learning and assessment strategies that explore controversial issues in

a way that promotes critical analysis;

- encouraging active citizenship and learner voice.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

Whilst this is a stand-alone policy, it is integral to our Safeguarding Policy and should be applied as an extension to Shockout Arts current and established safeguarding procedures.

Prevent Lead for the College

The Operations Manager and Safeguarding Officer are Prevent Lead for Shockout Arts, with responsibility for ensuring that our Prevent Policy is:

Designated Safeguarding Lead

Every organisation has by law to nominate a senior member (or several senior members) of staff to advise and guide on issues relating to allegations of, or suspected abuse. These persons are trained in related legislation and procedure and should be contacted as a matter of urgency as soon as a case presents itself. Shockout Academy, Church Street has a Local Designated Safeguarding Person (LDSP) and Designation Safeguarding Lead.

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- Implemented across Shockout Arts
- Ensure any concerns are shared with the relevant organisations, in order to minimise the risk of our learners becoming influenced or participate in terrorism.
- Ensure existing and new staff will receive Prevent training as part of their Induction Programme.

Shockout Arts Safeguarding and Governance

All Staff

All staff at the Shockout Arts have a responsibility to:

- create and support an ethos that upholds Shockout Academy mission, vision and values including British Values, to create an environment of respect, equality and diversity and inclusion;
- attend Prevent training in order to have the skills to recognise those who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, involved in violent or non-violent extremism, and to know the appropriate action to take if they have concerns;
- report any concerns around extremism or radicalisation via the safeguarding reporting channels;
- report and remove any literature displayed around Shockout Arts that could cause offense or promote extremist views;
- support the development of staff and learner understanding of the issues around extremism and radicalisation;
- participate in engagement with external organisations as appropriate.

5. Managing Risks and Responding to Events

Shockout Arts will ensure that it monitors risks and is ready to deal appropriately with issues which arise through the following:

- understanding the nature of threat from violent extremism and how this may impact directly and indirectly on the Shockout Academy;
- identifying, understanding and managing potential risks within Shockout Arts from external influences;
- responding appropriately to events reported via local, national or international news that may impact on learners and communities;
- ensuring plans are in place to minimise the potential for acts of violent or non-violent extremism within Shockout Arts;

- ensuring measures are in place to respond appropriately to a threat or incident within Shockout Arts.

Important resources:

Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 further support the PREVENT Strategy

Please see policy: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/prevent-duty-guidance>

How to access:

Booking forms can be requested from the Manchester City Council Community Safety Team:

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