



London School
of Jewish Studies

PREVENT STRATEGY AT LSJS

As part of LSJS' commitment to safeguarding and child protection we fully support the government's 'Prevent Strategy', and take guidance from the government's document: ['Teaching Approaches to help build resilience to extremism.'](#)

1. Prevent Strategy

The Prevent Strategy is a government strategy designed to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism or extremism.

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)

The ['Prevent Strategy'](#) published by the government in 2011 is a strategy designed to prevent any kind of extremist or terrorist activity from occurring in any community.

Statement on preventing radicalisation: September 2024

The Home Office has produced draft statutory guidance on preventing radicalisation. This guidance is currently under consultation. LSJS must be sure that our policies, procedures and practices are all reviewed and updated to take account of the need to safeguard adults and young people from extremism.

To this end, our policies on Safeguarding, Equality and Diversities will be updated to incorporate and expand on the principles described further in this statement which addresses:

- The level of perceived risk at LSJS
- What we have already done to address that risk

- What we plan to do in the future to maintain appropriate levels of awareness amongst staff and pupils

2. Risk

The current threat from extremism and radicalisation in the UK can include the exploitation of vulnerable people, to involve them in terrorism or in activity in support of terrorism. The normalization of extreme views may also make adults and young people vulnerable to future manipulation and exploitation. LSJS is clear that this exploitation and radicalisation should be viewed as a safeguarding concern and that both Trustees and staff, under their duty of care for our students, have explicit responsibilities to safeguard them from the risk of falling under the influence of extremist groups and individuals and potentially even being drawn into terrorism.

We are alert to the potential dangers of institutional complacency and/or suspended professional disbelief – ‘it could not happen here’ – and will put in place strategies to ensure that trustees, staff, and students understand the potential threat and are aware of the indicators of vulnerability. In discharging this duty of care, the Trust seeks to protect children and young people against the messages of all violent extremism delivered using any means or medium to express views which:

- Encourage, justify or glorify political, religious, sexist or racist violence
- Belong to rigid and narrow ideologies that are intolerant of diversity and so leave those who hold them vulnerable to future radicalisation
- Seek to provoke others to terrorist acts
- Encourage other serious criminal activity or seek to provoke others to serious criminal acts
- Foster hatred which might lead to inter-community violence in the UK.

A risk assessment of the potential threat at LSJS is currently being undertaken and, once complete, will inform the development of safeguarding and associated policies at both schools. The risk assessment will include consideration of the student led activities that currently take place in LSJS, arrangements for the use of premises by external agencies and bodies, as well as a review of policies specific to LSJS.

What has already been done to address this risk?

At LSJS, a range of activities/initiatives are already in place to raise awareness of the issues with Trustees, staff and students and to ensure that the school community understands what to do and who to go to if they have any concerns around the potential radicalisation of a member of the LSJS community. These include:

- Attendance of every member of staff and faculty at individual Prevent Training

- IT filtering systems are used both passively to block users from accessing inappropriate websites/forums and proactively to identify the use of a library of key words by users of school equipment which can then be acted on quickly and effectively
- A Prevent Single Point of Contact (SPOC) has been identified to take the lead within the organization for safeguarding in relation to protecting individuals from radicalisation and involvement in terrorism. At LSJS this is Suzanne Wayland suzanne.wayland@lsjs.ac.uk.
- A review of LSJS Safeguarding Policies is on-going to ensure that the radicalisation risk is identified and appropriate mitigation and reporting strategies are in place
- Regular liaison with local organizations and religious leaders to ensure that good partnership links exist and that information is regularly shared

What we plan to do in the future?

- Put in place any strategies that are indicated in the light of the risk assessment referred to above
- Provide Prevent training for new staff/trustees as part of their induction
- Ensure that all staff, governors, pupils and parents are aware of the indicators of vulnerability
- To work with parents' associations to provide training and awareness raising to parents and families
- Foster a climate that ensures that the whole school community takes the threat of radicalisation seriously

3. Channel Programme and Referrals

The Channel programme is a key part of the Prevent strategy. The programme focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. It uses a multi-agency approach led by the local authority to protect vulnerable people by:

- a. Identifying individuals at risk
- b. Assessing the nature and extent of that risk
- c. Developing the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned

Channel referrals are considered by the relevant local authority and relevant partners at a Channel Panel Meeting.

When required, the University's Channel Panel is overseen by the London Borough of Barnet.

4. Procedure for raising a Prevent duty of concern at LSJS

The Prevent lead is responsible for the operational management of casework which may arise as a result of the Prevent duty. This includes managing and coordinating relevant welfare and academic support services internally as well as external support (e.g. local authority services) and/or Channel referrals.

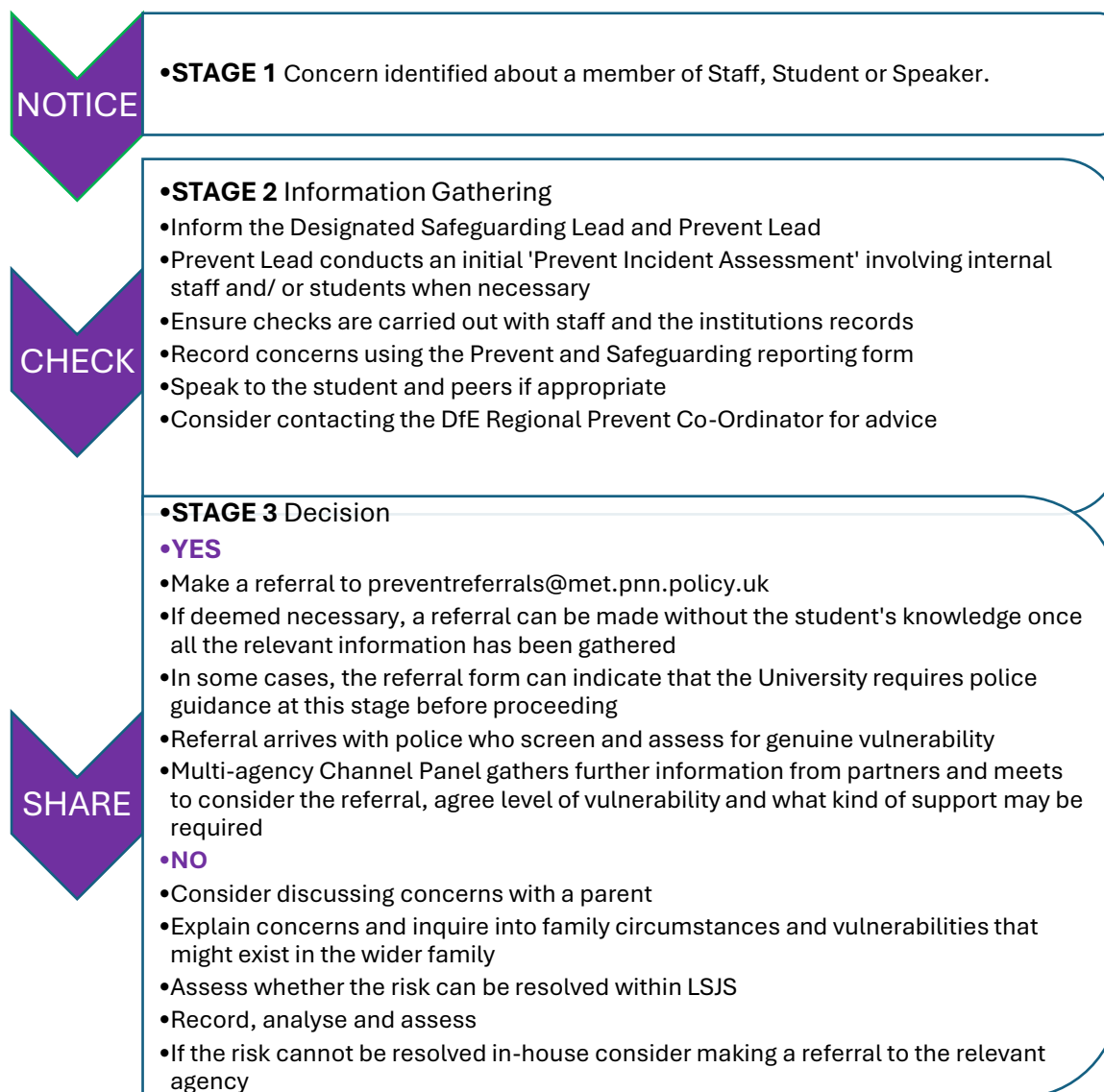
When a Prevent duty concern is raised, it is important that such a concern is shared in a safe and supportive manner ensuring it can be effectively assessed for the appropriate intervention to be implemented. Where a student, member of staff or third party is concerned that a student is expressing extremist views or is at risk of being drawn into terrorism, these concerns should be passed onto the Prevent lead.

The Prevent lead will carry out an 'Initial Incident Assessment' working to gather information and evidence that would allow for further consideration of the case. Once all available information has been gathered, this will be discussed with other members of staff, where relevant and a decision will be made to the seriousness of the case. One of following outcomes will be determined at this stage:

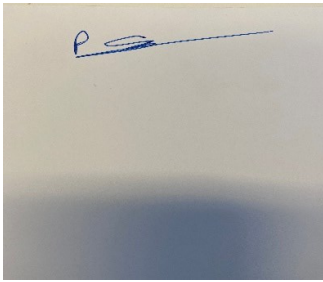
- a. The concern is not relevant to Prevent but may be relevant to another University policy or process. A referral will be made to the appropriate policy or procedure.
- b. The concern is relevant to Prevent but not serious enough for a Channel referral. In these cases, Prevent related welfare actions will be put into place, such as a medical or mental health referral.
- c. The concern is relevant to Prevent and the case is serious enough to be referred to the local Channel Panel by the Prevent lead.
- d. There is no concern and no further action is required.

In reaching a decision to share information with third parties LSJS will adhere to the Data Protection Act requirements and follow its external Prevent Information Sharing Agreement.

5. Prevent Referral Flow Chart



Signed on behalf of LSJS:

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(Paul Gould, on behalf of senior leadership team, LSJS).

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