

Education Services Prevent Advice

This advice is from the DfE Prevent advisor and has been aligned nationally across local authority sites.

Who is this page for

This page is for education professionals working in schools, colleges and early years settings who need to understand Prevent processes and referral routes in this Local Authority.

Introduction

Schools and colleges have a duty under *Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015* to have “due regard to the need to prevent people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism” as part of their wider safeguarding responsibilities.

The [Prevent Duty](#) protects children, young people and adults from the risk of radicalisation — a process where a person becomes vulnerable to extremist influences or drawn into supporting terrorist ideologies. Education settings play a vital role in identifying concerns early and ensuring the right support is provided.

What to do if you are a professional and are concerned about someone

If you are concerned that someone may be at risk of radicalisation, you should follow national guidance for making a Prevent referral.

You should:

1. **Speak with your organisation’s Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) in the first instance.**
2. **Follow your Local Authority’s agreed Prevent referral pathway.**
3. **Be aware that referral processes vary by area.**
 - In some Local Authorities, you may need to submit a referral to Counter Terrorism **Police only**.
 - In others, you may be required to make a **dual referral** to both **Prevent Police** and **Children’s/Adult Services**.
4. **Your Local Authority will clearly specify which referral process applies locally to ensure a joined-up, multi-agency response.**
5. If a referral is required, **complete the Prevent National Referral Form** [Get help for radicalisation concerns - GOV.UK](#)

Support is available from your **Local Authority Prevent Team** or Counter terrorism police if you need advice or help completing the referral. Your **DfE Regional Co-ordinator network** can also offer advice and support.

If someone is in immediate danger, call **999**. For non-urgent concerns, you can contact the police on **101**.

LA-Specific Referral Information (Placeholders) Local Authorities to insert their routes here:

- **Local Prevent Team Email:**
prevent@torbay.gov.uk
- **Prevent Police / CTU Secure Inbox:**
facPrevent@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk
- **Children's Services Referral Route:**
[Hub - Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
- **Adult Services Referral Route:**
[Radicalisation - Devon Safeguarding Adults Partnership](#)
- **Local Prevent Referral Form (if used):**
[Prevent - Torbay Safeguarding Children Partnership](#)
- **Emergency or Out-of-Hours Safeguarding Contacts:**
[Torbay Emergency Duty Service - Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust](#)

Concerns About an Educational Provider

For concerns about extremism within an education provider — including allegations involving staff, volunteers or external influences — use the [reporting extremism form](#).

Support, Advice and Guidance from the Department for Education (DfE)

The Department for Education (DfE) plays a central role in helping schools safeguard pupils from radicalisation and extremism as part of their wider safeguarding responsibilities. The DfE provides a range of support, training and guidance to help you strengthen your safeguarding approach and feel assured that you have effective policies and procedures in place to protect individuals who may be susceptible to radicalisation.

Regional Prevent Education Co-ordinators

The DfE's **Regional Prevent Education Co-ordinators** support and improve Prevent delivery in each region of England. Further information on their roles and responsibilities can be found [here](#).

Further support with the implementation of Prevent in education

Additional support, training and advice DfE offers includes:

- [E-learning courses on Prevent](#) from the Home Office
- [Virtual training sessions](#) designed by DfE for designated safeguarding leads to understand their responsibilities and the importance of the Prevent duty
- [Safeguarding learners susceptible to radicalisation guidance](#) which is designed to help you consider indicators of risk and decide what response is appropriate and proportionate
- The DfE's [Educate Against Hate website](#) which provides government-approved guidance, training and practical resources to help schools, parents and carers safeguard young people from extremism and radicalisation.

You can sign up to the **Educate Against Hate newsletter** on the webpage [Educate Against Hate - Prevent Radicalisation & Extremism](#)

Useful Links

- [How Prevent works - Home Office video on YouTube](#)
- [Prevent referrals and training - GOV.UK](#)
- [Prevent Duty Guidance - GOV.UK](#)
- [Key principles of Prevent - GOV.UK](#)
- [Channel and Prevent Multi-Agency Panel \(PMAP\) guidance - GOV.UK](#)
- [Prevent duty training: Learn how to support people vulnerable to radicalisation - GOV.UK](#)
- [Counter-terrorism strategy - GOV.UK](#)
- [Educate Against Hate website](#)
- [Get help for radicalisation concerns - GOV.UK](#)
- [Report online material promoting terrorism or extremism - GOV.UK](#)
- [The Prevent duty: the role of education in safeguarding learners from radicalisation - Educate Against Hate](#)