

**Cavernoma Alliance UK**  
**The Prevent Duty Policy**

**Created**

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**History of revisions**

Review date	By whom	Summary of changes made	Date implemented

**Context**

At CAUK, we understand that the threat of terrorism in the UK is substantial. We are also aware that extremist groups prey on those most vulnerable in society to further their cause. CAUK staff, therefore, need to be vigilant for any signs that those who use our services are being groomed through exposure to extremist influences or ideologies or are being drawn into prejudiced views.

**Definition of terms**

The Prevent Duty	The aim of the government's Counter-Terrorism Strategy is to reduce the risk to the UK and its interests overseas from terrorism. This duty is known as the Prevent Duty.
Extremism	Can be defined as holding extreme opinions/ideologies, for example, extreme political, social or religious views or the taking of extreme actions on the basis of those outlined.
Radicalisation	Is defined as the act or process of causing a person to favour extreme political, economic, social or religious views, ideologies or beliefs.
Designated Safeguarding Lead	The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is a senior person within CAUK who takes <b>lead responsibility</b> for safeguarding and child protection. These responsibilities include training staff members to be able to identify and take appropriate action in the event of disclosures or safeguarding concerns and to liaise with safeguarding partners to ensure that the actions of the organisation continue to protect children, young people and vulnerable adults.
Staff	Describes all paid and non-paid staff such as volunteers, Trustees and anyone who is representing CAUK.
Service users	Children and parents, young people and vulnerable adults that engage with CAUK.

## Policy Statement

CAUK made a commitment in its Child Protection and Safeguarding policy to keep its service users safe. This includes doing what we can to identify those who may be at risk of being drawn into extremist ideologies, behaviours and activities which falls under Section 26 of the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

## Strategies for preventing extremism

The Office for Security and Counter-Terrorism works to counter the threat from terrorism and their work is detailed in the counter terrorism strategy CONTEST. The strategy is based on four key areas of work:

Pursue - To stop terrorist attacks.

Prevent - To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

Protect - To strengthen our protection against terrorist attack.

Prepare - To mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack.

Our role, we feel, aligns in part with that of educational establishments as we seek to:

- Raise awareness amongst staff within CAUK of the threat from violent extremist groups, the risks to service users and how these risks may occur
- Provide staff with information about what can cause violent extremism, about how to report concerns that a service user may potentially be drawn into extremist activities and where to get additional information and advice
- Provide advice on managing risks and responding to incidents that may have an impact on service users.

As a service provider working with vulnerable groups, CAUK has a responsibility to:

- Keep service users safe and promote their welfare
- Be alert to any safeguarding and child protection issues at home or elsewhere
- Make sure that staff have sufficient training to recognise concerns and have the confidence to take an appropriate course of action
- Ensure that our safeguarding arrangements take into account the policies and procedures of the Local Safeguarding Children's and Adult's Boards
- Assess the risk of service users being drawn into terrorism
- Understand when to make referrals into "Channel" and where to get additional advice and support i.e., the local authority Prevent Lead

To do this CAUK staff will:

- Listen to service users
- Share appropriate information with parents
- Listen to parents
- Report concerns
- Challenge negative behaviours, opinions and attitudes

- Focus on what service users need
- Keep the required core training up-to-date

### **Training for staff**

The statutory guidance (The Prevent Duty Departmental advice for schools and childcare providers) refers to the importance of "Prevent" awareness training which should equip staff with the knowledge that they need to identify children and young people at risk of being drawn into terrorism.

The Trustees will arrange for training in which the things that will be important in terms of content will be the following:

- Understanding the signs of abuse and neglect;
- Raising concerns about a child or young person;
- Raising concerns about the conduct or behaviour of a member of staff (inclusive of senior leaders and trustees).
- Radicalisation and Extremism

### **References**

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