



Prevent Duty Policy (Including Anti Radicalisation)

1. Introduction

British Guardianship is committed to safeguarding all children and young people in our care from the risks of radicalisation, extremism, and terrorism. Protecting children from the risk of radicalisation is part of our wider safeguarding responsibilities and is integrated into our **Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy**.

This policy outlines our Prevent Duty responsibilities under the **Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015**, the **Prevent Duty Guidance for England, Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023)**, and **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE 2024)**. It supports compliance with **AEGIS Standard 6.6**, which requires guardianship organisations to identify, assess, and respond appropriately to the risk of radicalisation.

2. Definitions

Radicalisation

The process by which an individual comes to support extremist ideologies or terrorism. Radicalisation can occur gradually or rapidly and may happen online or in person.

Extremism

Vocal or active opposition to fundamental British Values, including calls for the death of members of the armed forces.

Terrorism

Acts of violence designed to advance a political, ideological, or religious cause.

Prevent Duty

A statutory requirement for schools, colleges, and relevant organisations to have "due regard" to preventing people from being drawn into terrorism.

3. British Values

In line with Prevent Duty expectations, British Guardianship promotes and upholds the following **fundamental British Values**:

- **Democracy**
- **Rule of law**
- **Individual liberty**
- **Mutual respect**
- **Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs**

These values are embedded throughout our safeguarding, conduct expectations, host family responsibilities, and interactions with students.

4. Recognising Indicators of Radicalisation

Staff, Local Coordinators, and host families must be alert to early signs that a child or young person may be vulnerable to radicalisation. Indicators may include:

- Sudden changes in behaviour, attitude, or peer groups
- Isolation from friends/family
- Showing sympathy for extremist causes
- Accessing extremist material online
- Expressing extremist ideology or intolerance
- Abrupt changes in appearance or routine
- Secrecy regarding online activities
- Fixation on conspiracy theories or extremist narratives

There is **no single profile** of someone at risk; concerns must be assessed alongside safeguarding circumstances and recorded accurately.

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5. Contextual Safeguarding and Online Risks

Children may be exposed to radicalisation:

- Through social media
- In online forums and gaming platforms
- Via extremist propaganda
- Through contact with extremist individuals or groups

Our **E-Safety** and **Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy** outline clear expectations for safe online use and reporting concerns.

6. Staff and Host Family Responsibilities

All British Guardianship staff, host families, volunteers, and Local Coordinators must:

- Read and understand this Prevent Duty Policy
- Complete Prevent training as part of safeguarding induction
- Be familiar with indicators of radicalisation
- Follow reporting procedures without delay
- Promote British Values through conduct and communication
- Maintain professional curiosity when concerns arise
- Never investigate concerns independently

7. Reporting and Escalation Procedures

Prevent concerns follow the same mandatory safeguarding pathways as all other child protection issues. These procedures align with our **Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy (2026)**.

Internal Reporting

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Immediate Threat / Emergency

If a child is believed to be in immediate danger, staff must contact:

- **Police** (999)
- **Children's Social Care** - In line with the Safeguarding Policy's emergency procedures.

External Prevent Support and Referral Routes

The DSL/Deputy DSL may contact:

- **Local Authority Prevent Team**
- **Channel Panel** (multi-agency safeguarding panel)
- **Police Prevent Advice Line:** 0800 789 321

These agencies help assess vulnerability and coordinate intervention.

8. Channel Process

Channel is a voluntary, confidential Government programme that supports individuals vulnerable to radicalisation. The DSL will:

- Complete a Channel referral when appropriate
- Liaise with Local Authority safeguarding teams

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- Attend meetings where required
- Work sensitively with children, families, and schools

9. Working With External Partners

British Guardianship collaborates with:

- Local Authority safeguarding teams
- Schools
- Host families
- Police (where appropriate)
- AEGIS and BSA for governance escalation on unresolved safeguarding concerns

Prevent concerns form part of our overarching safeguarding practice.

10. Training and Awareness

All staff, host families, and Local Coordinators will:

- Receive Prevent awareness training on induction
- Complete regular refresher training
- Be provided with updates regarding local risks
- Know how to identify online radicalisation indicators

Training is recorded and monitored by the DSL.

11. Confidentiality and Information Sharing

Information will be handled with sensitivity and shared only with professionals who need it to safeguard a child, following UK GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

12. Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually, or earlier if:

- Legislation changes
- New threats emerge
- Guidance from AEGIS or the Government is updated
- A safeguarding incident warrants revision

Please see our version control at the end of the policy.

13. Contact Information Summary

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Prevent Police Line - Advice & Concerns: 0800 789 321

Police (Emergency) - Immediate Threat: 999

AEGIS - Governance Escalation: info@aegisuk.net

BSA - Governance Escalation: bsa@boarding.org.uk