



PREVENT Duty Statement

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1. Our Commitment

At Coastline Futures, safeguarding is central to everything we do.

We are committed to creating safe, inclusive and respectful environments where young people feel valued, heard and able to develop positively.

As part of our safeguarding responsibilities, we recognise our duty under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This is commonly known as the PREVENT Duty.

We are committed to promoting values of respect, tolerance, democracy, inclusion and critical thinking, while supporting young people to build resilience and make informed choices.

2. What is the PREVENT Duty?

The PREVENT Duty is part of the Government's wider counter-terrorism strategy and aims to safeguard individuals from becoming vulnerable to radicalisation or extremist influences.

Radicalisation can take many forms and may involve exposure to extremist ideologies, harmful online content, individuals or groups seeking to exploit vulnerabilities, misinformation or conspiracy theories, and coercive or controlling influences.

We recognise that vulnerability to radicalisation can affect anyone and that early support and positive relationships are important protective factors.

PREVENT is a safeguarding duty rather than a criminal justice process. Its purpose is to provide early intervention and support to individuals who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, helping them remain safe from exploitation and harm.

3. Our Approach

Our approach promotes:

- Respect for others and different viewpoints
- Equality, diversity and inclusion
- Open discussion and critical thinking
- Safe and responsible use of technology
- Positive relationships and belonging
- Emotional wellbeing and resilience

Our aim is to create environments where young people can explore ideas safely, ask questions and develop confidence in themselves and others.

4. Training and Awareness

Staff and volunteers receive safeguarding training appropriate to their role. This includes awareness of:

- The PREVENT Duty
- Radicalisation and extremism
- Recognising vulnerability and risk factors
- Online safety and harmful influences
- Understanding the Prevent referral process and the role of the Channel Programme
- Reporting concerns appropriately

Training is reviewed regularly to ensure staff remain informed of current guidance and emerging risks.

5. Reporting Concerns and the Channel Programme

Any concerns relating to radicalisation, extremism or vulnerability to harmful influences will be treated as safeguarding concerns and managed in accordance with our Safeguarding Policy & Procedures.

Concerns should be reported immediately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or Deputy DSL.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL): Mrs Brooke Wager

Deputy DSL: Mrs Karen Martin

Safeguarding Email: safeguarding@coastlinefutures.co.uk

The DSL will assess all concerns and determine the most appropriate course of action. This may include seeking advice from the Local Authority Safeguarding Team, Prevent Team or the Police where appropriate.

Where there are concerns that an individual may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism or extremist activity, a Prevent referral may be considered. If appropriate, this may progress to the Channel Programme.

The Channel Programme is a confidential, voluntary, multi-agency safeguarding process designed to provide early support to individuals who are vulnerable to radicalisation before any criminal activity has taken place. It is not a criminal investigation or a punishment.

Channel Panels are chaired by the Local Authority and bring together professionals from education, children's services, health, social care and the police to assess risk and develop an individual support plan.

Support may include:

- Mentoring and positive role models
- Emotional wellbeing or mental health support
- Education and careers guidance
- Family support
- Specialist ideological or theological mentoring where appropriate

Participation is voluntary and informed consent is required before support is provided (or parental/carer consent where appropriate for children and young people).

Where a Prevent or Channel referral is not appropriate, Coastline Futures will continue to work with relevant safeguarding agencies to ensure individuals receive the most suitable support available.

6. Related Policies

- Safeguarding Policy & Procedures
- Online Safety (within the Safeguarding Policy)
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Policy
- SEND & Additional Needs Statement
- Health & Safety Policy

7. Contact Us

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