Prevent Policy

Park Education Objectives

Prevent is safeguarding. In the same way that support is provided to people at risk of involvement with drugs, gangs, or other forms of harm, individuals vulnerable to being groomed into radicalisation can also be helped. Community engagement is essential. We work closely with local voluntary and community groups to co-deliver support. Prevent seeks to increase understanding among frontline staff and community members. Whether through training or one of our events, encouraging discussion and debate is key to how we work. Our key strategic objectives are

- respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it;
  prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and ensure that they are given appropriate advice and support; and
- work with sectors and institutions where there are risks of radicalisation that we need to address

Prevent is part of safeguarding learners and Park Education has a duty to safeguard their learners from all aspects of abuse, exploitation and radicalisation. Implementing the Prevent Duty can be a sensitive issue for some learners & communities and it is important to reiterate this is not about spying on learners or staff or about stopping conversations on controversial or sensitive topics. The Prevent Duty is intended to safeguard providers, learners, apprentices & staff from being exposed to exploitation or radicalisation and to support the discussion and understanding of complex and controversial issues.

Park Education Team delivers work including:

- training for frontline staff in recognising, referring and responding to radicalisation
- a variety of projects to build capacity, increase resilience and improve understanding of extremism and radicalisation with partners such as schools, colleges, frontline staff, community groups, venues and parents
- a referral service for concerns, called Channel, which acts as an early intervention service to safeguard vulnerable individuals from radicalisation.