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## Prevent Duty Statement

Independence Project is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and adults, and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

In order to fulfil their roles competently, all Independence Project frontline employees and volunteers need to have an understanding at an appropriate level of the national, local and organisational guidance, policies and procedures for safeguarding children, young people and adults.

### The Prevent Duty

The duty to actively promote ‘fundamental British Values’ has been live from 1st July 2015. This was first set out by the government in the ‘Prevent’ Strategy in 2011.

The Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 has introduced the Prevent Duty for various bodies and Independence Project has incorporated the duty into our Safeguarding Policies and Procedures.

The Prevent Duty has “due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism” Anti-Terrorism and Security Act 2015: Schedule 3, Section 21.

### What is our responsibility?

- Assess the risks of people being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology.
- All staff to actively promote British Values.
- Raise awareness of the Prevent duty and British values to all staff and participants.
- Establish a reporting procedure for all concerns relating to people being drawn into terrorism.

### What is Extremism?

Extremism is defined as vocal or active opposition to fundamental British values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also include in our definition of extremism calls for the death of



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members of our armed forces, whether in this country or overseas (HM Government Prevent Strategy, 2011).

### **What is radicalisation?**

Radicalisation is defined as the process by which people come to support terrorism and extremism and, in some cases, to then participate in terrorist groups.

### **What are British Values?**

British Values are defined as “democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs”; institutions are expected to encourage participants to respect other people with particular regard to the protected characteristics set out in The Equality Act 2010.

### **Vulnerability / risk indicators**

The following lists are not exhaustive and all or none may be present in individual cases of concern. Nor does it mean that vulnerable people / young people experiencing these factors are automatically at risk of exploitation for the purposes of extremism.

The accepted view is that a complex relationship between the various aspects of an individual’s identity determines their vulnerability to extremism.

The following factors may increase an individual’s vulnerability:

- Identity crisis – being distanced from cultural and or religious heritage and uncomfortable with their place in the society around them.
- Personal crisis – family tensions; sense of isolation; adolescence; low self-esteem; disassociating from existing friendship group and becoming involved with a new and different group of friends; searching for answers to questions about identity, faith and belonging.
- Personal circumstances – migration; local community tensions; events affecting country or region of origin; alienation from British Values; having a sense of grievance that is triggered by personal experience of racism or discrimination or aspects of Government policy.
- Unmet aspirations – Perceptions of injustice; feelings of failure; rejection of civic life.



- Criminality – Experiences of imprisonment; poor resettlement / reintegration, previous involvement with criminal groups.

### Procedures for reporting concerns

Any identified concerns as the result of observed behaviour or reports of conversations to suggest that the person supports terrorism and/or extremism, must be reported to the named Designated Safeguarding Officer immediately and no later than the end of the working day. (Same procedure as for Safeguarding concerns)

### Staff responsibilities

- All frontline staff at Independence Project will undertake training in the Prevent Duty. (Volunteers will also undertake training where appropriate).
- Frontline staff at Independence Project will be aware of when it is appropriate to refer concerns about children, young people or adults to the Designated Safeguarding Officer.
- All staff and volunteers at Independence Project exemplify British values of “democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance for those with different faiths and beliefs” into their practice.

### Key Contact Details

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### Risk assessment

The statutory guidance makes clear that organisations are expected to assess the risk of people being drawn into terrorism, including support for extremist ideas that are part of terrorist ideology. As with managing other safeguarding risks, there is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to a terrorist ideology, however it is important that all organisations understand the risk so that they can respond in an appropriate and proportionate way.

### *SET PREVENT Policy and Guidance*



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Downloadable from: <http://www.escb.co.uk/working-with-children/policies-and-guidance/>

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