CHRIS HANDBURY SCHOOL OF QIGONG

Prevent Duty Document

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1. Introduction

This policy outlines the duties of The Chris Handbury School of Qigong (CHSQ) in relation to the Prevent duty, which forms part of the Government's national counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST.

CONTEST is delivered through four strands:

- PURSUE – to stop terrorist attacks.
- PROTECT – to strengthen protection against terrorist attacks.
- PREPARE – to mitigate the impact of an attack.
- PREVENT – to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

The aim of Prevent is to reduce the threat of terrorism in the UK by stopping people from being radicalised or supporting extremist activity. Prevent is a safeguarding measure, operating in the *pre-criminal space*, providing support and guidance to vulnerable individuals before harm occurs.

National Prevent Objectives

1. Respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism.
2. Prevent people from being drawn into terrorism and provide appropriate advice and support.
3. Work with sectors and institutions where risks of radicalisation need to be addressed.

This policy focuses on Prevent and safeguarding responsibilities at CHSQ.

2. Aims and Objectives

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Clarify CHSQ's responsibilities in relation to Prevent within the Government's CONTEST strategy.
- Explain why Prevent is important in safeguarding students, staff, and the wider community.
- Define roles and responsibilities of staff and representatives.
- Promote awareness of radicalisation, extremism, and exploitation.

- Provide guidance on recognising signs of concern and the procedures for raising them.
- Ensure all staff receive suitable training and ongoing awareness of Prevent responsibilities.

The key focus at CHSQ is to ensure that employees and representatives can recognise potential risks of radicalisation and take appropriate safeguarding action.

3. Key Definitions

CONTEST

The UK's counter-terrorism strategy, aiming to reduce the risk of terrorism so that people can live freely and with confidence.

Prevent Strategy

Part of CONTEST, focusing on stopping people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism. It addresses all forms of terrorism and operates in a *pre-criminal* safeguarding space.

Channel

A multi-agency programme providing early support to individuals identified as vulnerable to radicalisation. Channel:

- Identifies individuals at risk.
- Assesses the nature and extent of the risk.
- Develops appropriate support plans.

Radicalisation

The process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideologies. Vulnerabilities may include social isolation, bereavement, mental health issues, or exposure to extremist material (often online).

Terrorism

Defined in the Counter Terrorism and Border Security Act (2019) as an action or threat intended to influence the government or intimidate the public to advance a political, religious, or ideological cause.

Extremism

Vocal or active opposition to fundamental values such as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.

Exploitation

When vulnerabilities are manipulated by others to draw individuals into extremist or terrorist ideologies. Methods of exploitation include peer pressure, online propaganda, or direct recruitment.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

School Principal

- Accountable Lead for Prevent and safeguarding at CHSQ.
- Responsible for ensuring compliance with Prevent duties and related safeguarding processes.
- Designated contact for Prevent, CONTEST, and safeguarding concerns: Christopher David Handbury – admin@chi-fit.uk

Staff and Representatives

- Must remain vigilant to signs of radicalisation or extremist behaviour.
- Must report concerns to the School Principal.
- Must participate in Prevent awareness training.

5. Reporting and Taking Action

- Concerns about radicalisation are safeguarding concerns, not accusations of terrorism.
- Staff should raise concerns with the **School Principal**, who will support decision-making about referrals.
- If there is immediate risk of harm, staff must contact:
    - Emergency services: 999
    - Anti-terrorist hotline: 0800 789 321
    - Textphone (hearing impaired): 0800 0324 539

If appropriate, referrals may be made to Channel for early intervention. Consent of the individual is required for Channel intervention.

6. Education and Training

- All staff and representatives must receive appropriate Prevent training.
- CHSQ will provide ongoing updates and awareness resources.
- Training will ensure staff understand how to identify risks, report concerns, and access support.

7. Equality and Diversity

Equality

CHSQ is committed to welcoming and supporting people of all backgrounds. We do not tolerate discrimination based on race, religion, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, political belief, or any other protected characteristic.

Diversity

CHSQ strives to create inclusive learning environments, making reasonable adjustments for learners with physical, mental, or

social challenges. Training materials will be adapted to support diverse learning needs where possible.

8. Safeguarding Responsibilities

CHSQ commits to:

- Protecting all individuals from harm, abuse, or exploitation.
- Following safeguarding policies aligned with national and local guidance.
- Providing staff with clear procedures and resources to report concerns.
- Maintaining confidentiality and data protection in safeguarding processes.
- Ensuring staff working with vulnerable groups meet DBS requirements.

All representatives must demonstrate safeguarding awareness, report concerns appropriately and avoid unlawful activities that could endanger others or damage CHSQ's reputation.

9. Disciplinary Action

Failure to comply with this policy, including withholding concerns or failing to report them, may result in disciplinary action and possible legal proceedings.

10. Point of Contact

Christopher Handbury – Lead Prevent and Safeguarding Person

11. References

- Counter-terrorism Strategy (CONTEST) 2023 – Home Office
- CHANNEL guidance (October 2023) – GOV.UK
- Counter Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 – UK legislation
- Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales (2023) – GOV.UK
- Prevent Strategy (2011) – GOV.UK

Reviews

CHSQ will review the business policies, business operations and associated documentation regularly or where new legislation requires changes to information.

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