

## **Introduction**

The threat to the UK from international terrorism is substantial. The terrorist threats that we now face are more diverse than ever before, dispersed across a wider geographical area and often in countries without effective governance. We therefore face an unpredictable situation!

Dealing with violent extremism is nothing new. Throughout history there have been groups prepared to use violence to achieve their aims. A small minority of these seek to radicalise young people with an ideology which justifies the use of violence through a distorted interpretation of a set of values (often associated with a religion).

In line with guidance from the Department for Education (DfE), ExcluSec Security Solutions Ltd has a zero tolerance acceptance of extremist behaviour and ensures that our care, guidance and curriculum empowers young people to reject violent or extremist behaviour.

Whilst it remains very rare for school age children to become involved in extremist activity, young people can be exposed to extremist influences or prejudiced views, including via the internet, from an early age. Early intervention is a preferable way of tackling extremism.

## **Definition**

Extremism can be defined as "holding of extreme opinions: the holding of extreme political or religious views or the taking of extreme actions on the basis of those views". STRATEGIES FOR PREVENTING EXTREMISM.

The Office for Security & Counter Terrorism works to counter the threat from terrorism and their work is detailed in the counter terrorism strategy CONTEST. This strategy is based on four areas of work:

- **Pursue** - To stop terrorist attacks
- **Prevent** - To stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism
- **Protect** - To strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack
- **Prepare** - To mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack

## **Training**

All new members of staff will receive PREVENT training as part of their induction programme. Further training will be delivered in response to legislative or social changes.

## **Reference**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/2010-to-2015-government-policy-counter-terrorism/2010-to-2015-government-policy-counter-terrorism>

## Policy Summary

Our commitment to meeting the Prevent Duty can be summarised as follows:

**P** – Promotion of Equality and Diversity and positive relationships between client, staff and students

**R** – Referral of any concerns via safeguarding staff to relevant authorities

**E** – Embedding British Values and education for students on all courses

**V** – Vetting guest speakers and removal of any posters or other materials of an extremist nature

**E** – Environment – a safe and secure site with CCTV, sufficient security procedures and online filters

**N** – News monitoring for any concerns in the locality

**T** – Training of staff to raise awareness of the signs and risks

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