Procedure for raising a concern under Prevent

Do you have concerns that an individual might be at risk of radicalisation or of being drawn into terrorism?

IMMEDIATE RISK

NO IMMEDIATE RISK

RISK APPEARS TERRORISM-RELATED

RISK DOES NOT APPEAR TERRORISM-RELATED

If you believe there to be an immediate threat to the safety of the individual, or of members of the University community or of the wider public, you should contact police directly (999) and then report that you have done so to the relevant person within the University or the College (listed A, B or C below).

There is no set pattern to how radicalisation may occur, but if you are concerned about some or any of the following there is a risk that your concerns might be terrorism-related: sudden changes in peer group or religious practices; accessing, holding or distributing extremist propaganda material; an undertone of grievance or “them and us” rhetoric in language or behaviour; evidence of sudden or increased isolation from family and/or the usual social group; increased emotional instability, or cultural or social anxiety; processing suspicious items, for example very large amounts of money, multiple passports, or unusual-looking electrical appliances, or everyday items which could be used to make explosives. Some of these behaviours are also associated with mental health problems, and might also suggest your concerns are related to welfare or safeguarding.

If you do not consider that there is a clear risk of radicalisation or of being drawn into terrorism, it is possible that you have identified another safeguarding or welfare concern, and you should follow the appropriate University and/or College procedures depending on the circumstances (e.g. refer the individual to the University Counselling Service, the Disability Resource Centre, or College sources of support, such as their Tutor).

If you remain concerned that there might be a risk of radicalisation or terrorism, you should voice these as soon as practicable, depending on the individual’s status, with the persons listed below.

NEITHER STAFF NOR STUDENT

STUDENT

UNIVERSITY STAFF

COLLEGE STAFF

A. If the individual is a student
Contact the Senior Tutor of the student’s College or the University Prevent Contact. You may choose either route at your discretion and depending on the circumstances. Where appropriate, information will be shared between the Senior Tutor and the University Prevent Contact.

B. If the individual is a member of staff working primarily for the University (including Cambridge Assessment and CUP)
Contact the University Prevent Contact.

C. If the individual is a member of staff working primarily for a College
Contact the relevant College Prevent Lead.

The Senior Tutor/University Prevent Contact/College Prevent Lead will consider the circumstances, take advice and/or seek further information as necessary. On the rare occasions where the severity of the concern merits it, he or she will refer the individual for external support through the relevant channels. Otherwise, he or she will keep a record of the concern and seek to ensure that alternative modes of support are provided, where appropriate.

Contact List
For general queries about Prevent
prevent@admin.cam.ac.uk

To report a concern about an individual
preventconfidential@admin.cam.ac.uk

College Prevent contacts
https://www.ois.cam.ac.uk/resources-for-colleges/prevent-duty-guidance-1/college-prevent-leads/college-prevent-leads/view

College Senior Tutors
http://www.seniortutors.admin.cam.ac.uk/about/contact/senior-tutors

Police
prevent@cambs.pnn.police.uk
Tel. 07894 601230

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