

Prevent Duty & Radicalisation Policy



The Children's Respite Trust is committed to providing a safe and caring environment, where children/young people are free from discrimination and protected from abuse, harm and radicalisation. As part of this commitment, we aim to ensure that neither our Centre sessions nor our premises are used to promote extremist beliefs or discriminatory views.

Working Together to Safeguard Children (2023) defines extremism. It states *Extremism is defined in the Prevent strategy as the 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 members of our armed forces.*

Extremism is defined in the Counter Extremism Strategy 2015 as the vocal or active opposition to our fundamental values, including the rule of law, individual liberty and the mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. We also regard calls for the death of members of our armed forces as extremist.

Under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, we have a duty to refer any concerns of extremism to the police (In Prevent priority areas the local authority will have a Prevent lead who can also provide support). All childcare providers are subject to a duty under section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, in the exercise of their functions, to have 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. This duty is called the Prevent Duty and applies to a wide range of public-facing bodies.

Extremism

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Radicalisation

Is the process where a person comes to support terrorism and forms of extremism. During this period, it is possible to intervene and prevent vulnerable people from being drawn into terrorist-related activity. At Manor Twiglets Nursery we see that this is part of our wider safeguarding duties to protect the children and their families of our nursery from radicalisation.

The Staff at the Children's Respite Trust must be able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and what to do when they have been identified. This is part of safeguarding children as staff will be protecting the children from harm either from outside influences or from inside their families. As with safeguarding children from abuse, staff will be able to identify changes in their behaviour which could indicate that they require support, help or protection.

Children at risk of radicalisation may display different signs or hide their views. Staff will use their professional judgment in identifying children at risk and will act appropriately. This may mean that they make a referral to the **Channel Program**. Channel –The Channel is an HM Government document and part of the Prevent strategy. It is a programme focusing on the process of a multi-agency approach to identify and provide support to individuals who are at risk of being drawn into terrorism.

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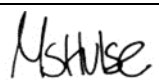
Channel

Channel is designed to work with individuals of any age who are at risk of being exploited by extremist or terrorist ideologues. The process is shaped around the circumstances of each person and can provide support for any form of radicalisation or personal vulnerabilities.

Channel and Prevent Multi-Agency Panel (PMAP) Guidance

GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Prevent duty guidance - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

Related policies See also: **Equalities policy, Safeguarding policy**

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