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This Prevent Policy applies to all staff and employees of **illuminate AP**. It should be read in conjunction with our Safeguarding Children Policy and the Promoting Fundamental British Values Policy. The national Prevent Strategy aims to prevent people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

At **illuminate AP**, we play a crucial role in ensuring that children and young people in our care are safe from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is part of our wider responsibility for safeguarding, and this policy is directly linked to our Safeguarding Children Policy.

The Prevent Strategy identifies that young people can be particularly vulnerable to extremist narratives, including non-violent extremism that fosters an atmosphere conducive to terrorism. The Government defines extremism 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 believe that **illuminate AP** should be a safe place for all children and young people. In order to fulfil our Prevent Duty, we are committed to the following actions:

- Actively promote Fundamental British Values, including mutual respect, tolerance, and democratic participation.
- Respect and celebrate the diversity of children and staff, encouraging freedom and openness.
- Assess the risk of children being drawn into terrorism or extremist ideologies.
- Maintain robust safeguarding policies that align with government guidelines and include extremism and radicalization as issues to be reported to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).
- Ensure that all staff receive annual training, so they have the knowledge and confidence to identify children at risk of radicalization and to challenge extremist ideas.
- Conduct due diligence checks on visitors, particularly guest speakers, to our provisions.
- Ensure that children are protected from extremist or terrorist material when in our care.
- Review and update our policies on an annual basis.

Possible Indicators of Risk:

- Racist graffiti, symbols, or comments made within the provision.
- Speaking out or writing in favor of extremist ideas in any form of work.
- Extreme comments or content shared on social media.
- Distribution of extremist or terrorist propaganda to other children.
- Vulnerable students being influenced by others due to one or more of the following factors:
 - An identity crisis, such as feeling disconnected from their cultural or religious heritage, including rejection by peers, family, or faith groups.
 - Personal crises, including family tensions, social isolation, or friendship issues.
 - Personal circumstances, such as migration, experience of racism.
 - Unmet aspirations or frustrations.
 - Criminality or past experiences with the law.

- Experience of poverty, disadvantage, discrimination, or social exclusion.
- Association with individuals known to be involved in extremism (including online).
- A significant change in behavior or outward appearance, particularly if it involves conflict with family or faith groups.
- Extended travel to international locations associated with extremism.
- Disguising a child's identity, e.g., through falsified documentation.
- A simplistic or flawed understanding of religious, political, or global issues.
- A significant adult or peer in the child's life who holds extremist views or sympathies.
- Critical risk factors:
 - Contact with extremist recruiters.
 - Articulating support for extremist causes or leaders.
 - Possession of extremist literature.
 - Using extremist narratives and global ideologies to explain personal disadvantage.
 - Justifying violence as a means to resolve societal issues.
 - Membership in extremist organisations.

Supportive Interventions:

Channel is a multi-agency program aimed at protecting individuals at risk from radicalization. It seeks to:

- Identify individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism.
- Assess the nature and extent of the risk.
- Develop the most appropriate support plan for the individual.

If further support from other agencies is required, the following resources are available for reporting concerns related to terrorism and extremism:

- **Anti-terrorist hotline:** 0800 789 321
- **Crime Stoppers:** 0800 555 111
- **Local police force:** 101
- **To report suspicious activity:** www.gov.uk/report-suspicious-activity-to-mi5
- **To report online terrorist-related material:** www.gov.uk

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