

Safeguarding Guidance

Our first priority is to ensure the safety and protection of all our learners taking part in learning either through our direct provision or through other providers. All staff have a duty to safeguard learners, to be alert to signs of abuse and to take action where abuse is reported. We are committed to promoting equality and diversity and an inclusive and supportive environment for our learners and affirm the rights of individuals to be treated fairly and with respect.

All learners have the right to be protected from abuse or harm and to learn in a safe and healthy environment.

Anyone who sees or hears of a potentially abusive situation involving a vulnerable adult or child must report it immediately to either their tutor, a member of staff or the CIOS Designated Person. If you suspect that someone is being abused or if someone reports abuse to you:

DO

- Take it seriously and listen calmly.
- Make sure the person is safe.
- Ensure your own safety.
- Establish what the person wishes to do.
- Protect any evidence as necessary.
- Explain that you must report it.
- Call an ambulance if urgent medical help is needed.
- Call the police if anyone is at further risk.

DON'T

- Ignore it.
- Put yourself or others at risk.
- Make judgments or apportion blame.
- Ask for more than the basic details.
- Promise to keep a secret.
- Discuss the situation with anyone other than your tutor, a member of staff or the CIOS Designated Person.
- Confront or question the alleged perpetrator of the abuse.

The Designated Person for safeguarding is:

Adult Social Care – (01720) 424470

Children's Social Care – (01720) 424483

Out of Hours – Park House Residential Care Home – (01720) 422699

In an emergency dial 999

The Prevent Strategy

As a Local Authority learning provider we have a responsibility to promote and raise awareness of the Government's Prevent agenda. Prevent is part of the government's strategy to reduce the threat of terrorism in the UK by stopping people either becoming terrorists or supporting terrorists.

The Prevent Strategy has three specific objectives:

- To respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism and the threat we face from those who promote it
- To prevent people being drawn into terrorism and ensure that people are offered appropriate advice and support
- To work with sectors to reduce risks of radicalisation

It is important to recognise that this agenda is not restricted to threats from the likes of ISIL or Al Qaida. Other groups linked to animal rights or environmental campaigns are also areas that present a risk that needs to be monitored.

Within our setting there is a need to be vigilant. This may relate to conversations or discussions you have with learners or online activity you may be involved with.

If you have any suspicions that anyone you come into contact with displays behaviour that causes you concern you should discuss this with a senior member of staff who will treat all information with confidence and discretion.

Further information about the Prevent Strategy can be found at: www.preventforfeandtraining.org.uk