

## **London Centres Group: Roundtable on the Prevent Duty and safeguarding**

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### **Governance and partnership issues**

Satellite campuses may be perceived to have a higher risk for compliance for the Prevent Duty and safeguarding with concerns about visa compliance issues, adequate support services, academic quality and standards, and fewer opportunities for staff development. However satellites in London can also provide a positive feedback to 'parent' institutions as they are located in a much more culturally and ethnically diverse region, with different experiences in carrying out safeguarding responsibilities

Satellite campuses operate under a variety of collaborative agreements between the parent institution, the satellite campus itself and a possible delivery partner. This can give rise to complex governance issues. Partnerships in London need also to account for working with one or more of the 33 boroughs (including the City of London) and two police forces. There can be a danger that referrals under Prevent or safeguarding concerns may sometimes be 'lost' when a large number of partners in London become involved in assessments.

The regional DfE Prevent coordinators can be used to make links with local authorities and police. Recently the London regional coordinators have taken leadership of London clusters, although both coordinators can provide support to all of the London boroughs. The division of clusters has been done as follows:

#### North – Chris Rowell

- Barnet
- Brent
- Camden
- City of London
- Haringey
- Harrow
- Islington

#### East – Jake Butterworth

- Barking and Dagenham
- Enfield
- Hackney
- Havering
- Newham
- Redbridge
- Tower Hamlets
- Waltham Forest

#### South – Chris Rowell

- Bexley
- Bromley
- Croydon
- Greenwich
- Lambeth
- Lewisham
- Southwark
- Sutton

#### West – Jake Butterworth

- Ealing
- Hammersmith and Fulham
- Hillingdon
- Hounslow
- Kensington and Chelsea
- Kingston
- Merton
- Richmond
- Wandsworth
- Westminster

#### **Risk profiles and monitoring**

Satellite campuses have different Counter-terrorism local profiles (CTLP) compared with their parent institutions, and for many of these campuses in London the student body is dominated by overseas students, mostly from China, completing one year taught postgraduate courses. More recently, several satellite campuses are also recruiting UK-based students who may live outside the capital and commute to central London.

HE providers, including satellite campuses, are looking at providing apprenticeship level qualifications which are regulated by Ofsted, and which has a statutory right to carry out inspections at short notice. The OfS engages with Ofsted and DfE around crossover areas of monitoring, such as apprenticeships, to ensure monitoring arrangements continue to be proportionate and risk-based.

#### **Staff training**

Staff development training can be patchy at satellite campuses and is an area requiring more support. The HE/FE Regional Prevent coordinators for London at DfE have offered to provide accredited WRAP training sessions or train-the-trainer sessions, including experiences with London-based factors.

Should a provider be interested in receiving WRAP training or undertaking 'training-the-trainer' then please contact [jake.butterworth@education.gov.uk](mailto:jake.butterworth@education.gov.uk) or [chris.rowell@education.gov.uk](mailto:chris.rowell@education.gov.uk).

A programme of Prevent Review Meetings will shortly be started by OfS which will collate examples of [good practice and case studies](#). The [Safe Campus Communities](#) website also has resources for providers.

### **External speakers and events**

There appears to be a low risk at satellite campuses in London with invitations to controversial speakers, as these are often made by staff as part of an academic programme, whereas speaker invitations at parent campuses tend to be student-led.

### **IT policies**

Most HE providers use filters to prevent access to harmful content, and clear policies and audit trails need to be in place for legitimate research purposes as well as for sensitive teaching and learning, e.g. studying freedom of speech issues.

### **Student unions and societies**

The NUS and student unions are largely observers but not participants with the Prevent Duty, and in London there appears to be considerable variation with institutions and campuses in participation by student bodies involved with relevant committees.

### **Welfare and pastoral care/chaplaincy support**

A number of satellite campuses in London do not have sufficient space to offer faith rooms and rely on local places of worship.

Faith rooms on campus may become dominated by particular religions and genders, which can be easy to resolve as student cohorts change frequently at satellite campuses.

Prevent coordinators in local authority should be able to provide details for 'safe' places of worship. Business organisations close to a campus may also have available faith rooms and tend to have a 'no literature' policy. In addition DfE have contacts responsible for faith rooms when students may be living in areas away from campus.

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