

THE GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART

COUNTER –TERRORISM AND SECURITY ACT 2015 (PREVENT DUTY)

GSA PREVENT GROUP – REMIT AND MEMBERSHIP

BACKGROUND

Section 26 of the Counter-terrorism and Security Act 2015 places a duty on specified authorities, including Higher Education Institutions, to have in the exercise of their functions 'due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism'. This is known as the Prevent Duty.

Statutory guidance on the Prevent duty in Scotland was published in March 2015 and following Parliament's approval of specific guidance for Higher Education Institutions in Scotland the Duty came into effect on 18 September 2015.

Specified authorities are required to demonstrate that effective mechanisms are in place to manage the implementation of the statutory duty.

STRATEGIC RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN GSA

The Director and the Executive Group, briefed by the Registrar and Secretary, shall be responsible for the strategic development and implementation of measures to meet the Prevent Duty. Executive Group members will be responsible for ensuring adherence to GSA's policies and protocols within their respective areas of management responsibility and for addressing any agreed actions.

GSA PREVENT GROUP

The GSA Executive Group augmented by other relevant senior staff constitutes the GSA Prevent Group.

Executive Group Membership

Registrar and Secretary (Convenor)
Deputy Director (Academic)
Deputy Director (Research and Innovation)
Head of Human Resources

Non-Executive Group Members

Head of Policy and Governance (Deputy Registrar)
Director of IT (HEIDS liaison)
Head of Estates (AUCSO liaison)
Head of Student Support and Development (Prevent coordination and sector/partner liaison)

In Attendance

The President of the GSA Student Association.

REMIT OF GSA PREVENT GROUP

The Prevent Group has responsibility for the effective implementation of the Prevent Duty at GSA which includes:

- Maintaining a shared awareness and understanding of the risks of radicalisation within the GSA community
- Communicating to relevant staff the requirements and importance of the statutory duty
- Ensuring that the statutory duty is addressed effectively
- Making decisions on sensitive matters that may arise in relation to counter-terrorism and security.

The GSA Prevent Group will normally meet twice per annum for oversight with further meetings as required.

The GSA Prevent Group will report annually to the Board of Governors in December.

PREVENT RELATED CONCERNS

Prevent related concerns about individuals or groups will be considered by the GSA Prevent Subgroup consisting of:

Registrar and Secretary (Convenor)

Deputy Director (Academic)

Head of School/Executive Lead appropriate to the location of the concern

Head of Human Resources

Head of Policy and Governance (Deputy Registrar)

Head of Student Support and Development

All decisions on contacting external Prevent related partners will be made by the Registrar and Secretary in consultation with relevant members of the GSA Prevent group and the Director of GSA.

PROTOCOL FOR RAISING PREVENT RELATED CONCERNS

Any member of staff or any student who is concerned that a member of staff or a student is being drawn into terrorism must report that concern directly to their Head of School/Executive Group member who will consult as appropriate with the Head of Student Support and Development or the Registrar and Secretary, who will arrange a meeting of the Prevent Sub-Group.