

ST PATRICK'S



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KEEPING YOU SAFE

St Patrick's recognises that it owes a duty of care towards everyone on its premises and an enhanced duty towards those under the age of 18 and adults at risk to ensure that they are safeguarded against the risk of abuse. We encourage a culture whereby all members of the college community feel safe, involved and socially included in university life.

A number of procedures have been developed by the College and these can be found by following 'Publications and Policies': **<https://www.st-patricks.ac.uk/publications-and-policies>**. Our College considers its duty to pay due regard to the need to prevent people from the risk of being drawn into terrorism [the Prevent Duty] as part of its safeguarding duties. Please see next page for further information.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE A CONCERN?

If you do not feel safe or you have a concern about someone else, you can contact your local Safeguarding Officer.

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WHAT IS 'PREVENT'?

Many of you may be aware that the government recently introduced the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015, which outlines a number of measures aimed at tackling extremism and radicalisation of people in the UK. This was termed the 'Prevent' agenda. This is a contentious issue to many students, and so the Student Association has provided this guide.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US?

The College's nominated Prevent Lead is the Director of Student Administration Services. She oversees compliance with the College's duties and responsibilities and ensures staff receive appropriate training in safeguarding and the prevent agenda.

If staff or students have any concerns that an individual is expressing extremist views or is at risk of being drawn into terrorism they can speak to their Dean, Director or the Prevent and/or Safeguarding Lead (Registrar).

All information is confidential, and making an observation or comment is very unlikely to result in a referral to the police. All information is assessed, by a panel made

up of the Director of Academic and Careers Enhancement, Registrar and the Director of Student Administration Services. If you feel uncomfortable contacting the College or have any questions you can contact the Senior Academic Administrator by emailing academicadmin@st-patricks.ac.uk.

HOW DOES 'PREVENT' AFFECT THE COLLEGE?

The College views Prevent as part of its overall safeguarding agenda; it sits alongside duty of care, health and safety, and the commitment to equality and inclusivity, and as part of just looking after yourself and your friends. The Student Council and Student Representatives are trained on Prevent, and what was very clear was that the duty is not about monitoring or pursuing individuals.

It is all about being aware that some people, especially vulnerable people, can be targeted by extremists for radicalisation, and that unchallenged extreme views could lead vulnerable people into being radicalised. The College has had robust procedures in place for external speakers for a few years, and these work within the existing guidance on freedom of speech.

WHERE CAN I GO FOR FURTHER INFORMATION?

www.safecampuscommunities.ac.uk/
www.officeforstudents.org.uk/publications/prevent-duty-framework-for-monitoring-in-higher-education-in-england-2018-19-onwards

Our overall message is: look after your fellow students, yourself and your friends. It is okay to speak up if you have any concerns. Ensure you adhere to all College policies and ensure that there are balanced discussions and healthy debate where possible!

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