

# **NEW COLLEGE DURHAM**

## **Safeguarding and PREVENT Steering Group (Terms of Reference and Membership)**

The Safeguarding and PREVENT Steering Group of New College Durham will be a standing body accountable to the Senior Executive Group and the Corporation for the following:

### **Overall Purpose**

To provide strategic direction for the College in relation to Safeguarding Young People and Adults at Risk and to ensure that the College is meeting legal requirements and complying with national guidance. The group will ensure:

- That the values and requirements of Safeguarding and PREVENT are promoted and celebrated with College staff and students and embedded within College activities;
- The College is pro-actively responding to its responsibilities regarding current requirements on Safeguarding and PREVENT;
- Legal duties are met with regard to the Counter Terrorism Act (2015) and ensure the PREVENT Duty is embedded into policies, procedures and practice;
- The promotion and embedding of Fundamental British Values (democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of different faiths and beliefs) for staff, students, employers and partners;
- Intelligence and information is shared across agencies;
- Values and requirements of Safeguarding and PREVENT are promoted across College, notably in terms of key issues emerging from the region and local communities;
- Students feel safe, know how to raise concerns and are protected from radicalisation and extremism.

### **Responsibilities**

In order to achieve the overall purpose the group will agree, disseminate and check that:

- Staff, students, employers and partners understand their role in keeping Young People and Adults at Risk safe;
- High quality training and education develops:
  - Staff vigilance and confidence to challenge views which are contrary to Safeguarding and PREVENT and can engage in meaningful debate;

- Students understand the key issues regarding Safeguarding and PREVENT and can recognise such issues and raise concerns

and that this training and support is available for all staff, students, employers and partners that is relevant to their role;

- The Safeguarding/PREVENT Action Plan is monitored and actions prioritised which is underpinned by a pro-active assessment of Safeguarding/PREVENT risks and actions to prevent/mitigate these risks;
- The College listens to students' concerns and acts on them when identified;
- The College discharges its legal obligations;
- Incidents and complaints are reviewed relating to Safeguarding and PREVENT, ensuring these are managed and addressed effectively;
- Appropriate Committees are aware of the actions taken, the impact to the College and they receive follow up reports on the effective implementation of such actions;
- An annual report is produced which analyses Safeguarding and PREVENT data from across College.