Prevent Duty Guidance

With the increasing occurrence of extreme content on the internet, safeguarding students both proactively and reactively as they use technology is one of the most important concerns for schools worldwide. UK legislation recognises these risks and obliges schools to use filtering and monitoring technology to safeguard students' welfare and protect them from dangers inherent online.

What is it?

The Prevent Duty Guidance sits under the Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015. The guidance was released by the UK government in March 2015 and made a legal requirement on 1st July 2015. It requires schools (and other specified bodies to put measures in place to "prevent people from being drawn into terrorism".

How does this affect my organisation?

Four areas have been highlighted where organisations need to demonstrate appropriate action:

- **Staff training:**
  The designated Safeguarding Lead needs to undertake 'Prevent awareness training' (WRAP) to be able to provide advice and support to other members of staff.

- **IT policies:**
  The need for school leaders to ensure that children are safe from terrorist and extremist material when accessing the internet in schools.

- **Working in partnership:**
  Work with Local Safeguarding Children Boards (LSCBs) who can provide advice and support to schools on implementing the duty.

- **Risk assessment:**
  The need to assess the risk of/identify children in danger of being drawn into terrorism.

What to do if you have a concern

If a member of staff in a school has a concern about a particular pupil, they should follow the school's normal safeguarding procedures – including discussing the issue with the school's designated Safeguarding Lead and, where deemed necessary, with children's social care services. In Prevent priority areas, the local authority will have a Prevent Lead who can also provide support.

What happens if organisations don't comply?

Failure to comply with the requirements may result in intervention from the Prevent Oversight Board, prompt an Ofsted inspection or incur loss of funding.

What solutions can I use to help my organisation comply?

As a result of working with the Internet Watch Foundation, local authorities and conducting in-school research, NetSupport DNA's safeguarding module helps schools to comply with their obligation to implement IT monitoring solutions – as well as managing and supporting IT in schools.

- Advanced Keyword and Phrase monitoring
- Internet and application monitoring and restrictions
- Cloud-based safeguarding console
- Contextual intelligence-based Risk Index
- Webcam blocking
- Endpoint security
- Online safeguarding resources
- Student 'Report a concern' tool
- Plus, much more!

> "We welcomed the opportunity to assist NetSupport as it developed this important safeguarding technology which we are sure will be welcomed by schools."
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