



Prevent Duty – Annual Accountability Declaration

Outcome requested:	Council is asked to approve the Prevent duty annual accountability declaration for submission to the Office for Students.
Executive Summary:	<p>[a] The University is required to submit an annual accountability return to the Office for Students comprising four declarations and supporting data. Compared to previous years, the data return is narrower in scope, but requests greater detail on the nature of any Prevent-related issues considered during the year and the basis on which any external speakers have been denied a platform.</p> <p>[b] Declaration 1: The University has had due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism (the Prevent duty).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Prevent duty lead is the Director of Student and Academic Services, who attends regular briefing sessions with the Regional Prevent Co-Ordinator for London. • Our primary routes to compliance are the Safeguarding Policy and the Freedom of Speech Policy, both of which are operating effectively. • No external speakers were denied a platform in 2020–21. • All staff in key Prevent-related roles have completed relevant training during 2020–21. <p>[c] Declaration 2: The University has provided to OfS all required information about its implementation of the Prevent duty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The data return for 2020–21 is attached to this paper. <p>[d] Declaration 3: The University has reported to OfS in a timely way all serious issues related to the Prevent duty, or now attaches any reports that should have been made, with an explanation of why they were not submitted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were no Prevent-related cases in 2020–21. <p>[e] Declaration 4: The University has reviewed, and where necessary, updated its Prevent risk assessment and action plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent duty compliance is captured in the Strategic Risk Register and is currently within tolerance. • The operational risk register has been reviewed and updated by the Prevent duty lead in 2020–21.
QMUL Strategy:	Effective governance supports the delivery of the Strategy.

Internal/External regulatory/statutory reference points:	Counter Terrorism and Securities Act 2015 Ongoing conditions of registration with the Office for Students Prevent Duty Guidance for higher education institutions in England and Wales University Safeguarding Policy
Strategic Risks:	Compliance with the Prevent duty and ongoing conditions of registration with the Office for Students.
Equality Impact Assessment:	Equality impact assessments are undertaken whenever Prevent-related referrals are considered under the Safeguarding Policy and when Prevent-related issues arise under the Freedom of Speech Policy.
Subject to prior and onward consideration by:	Following approval by Council, the accountability return will be evaluated by the Office for Students.
Confidential paper under FOIA/DPA	No
Timing:	Prevent duty annual accountability declaration is due to be submitted to the Office for Students on 1 December 2021.
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Office for Students Prevent monitoring

Accountability and data return 2021

Validation passed

Provider: Queen Mary University of London

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In all cases this data should cover the year from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021.

Table 1: Welfare

Question	Islamist radicalisation	Extreme right-wing radicalisation	Mixed, unclear or unstable ideology	Other radicalisation	Total (automatically generated)
i) Number of Prevent-related cases escalated to the point at which the Prevent lead has become involved	0	0	0	0	0
ii) Number of Prevent-related cases which led to informal external advice being sought from Prevent partners	0	0	0	0	0
iii) Number of formal external Prevent referrals	0	0	0	0	0
For each case add information about how it originated, e.g concerns identified from behaviour online, through external speakers, resulting from a welfare issue (max. 300 words).					
There were no Prevent-related cases in 2020-21.					

Table 2: Events & external speakers

Question	Total	Health and safety (estimate permitted)	Procedural (estimate permitted)	Reasons related to Prevent risk	Other matters (estimate permitted)
i) Total number of events or speakers approved through the external speakers process (estimate to nearest 10 permitted)	368				
ii) Total number of events or speakers approved subject to any mitigations or conditions (estimate permitted)	0				
iii) Number of events or speakers approved subject to any mitigations or conditions due to Prevent-related risks	28				
iv) Total number of events or speakers rejected	0	0	0	0	0

For each case, please add information about the reasons for rejection where that rejection was for reasons related to Prevent risk (max. 300 words).

One speaker was initially rejected by the Students' Union and then reinstated by the University after an appeal process. The University subsequently met with the Students' Union to discuss the case and mitigations.

Table 3: Training

Question	Total
i) Number of staff identified as key in relation to the Prevent duty	138
ii) Number of key staff receiving induction Prevent training	58
iii) Number of key staff receiving refresher Prevent training	80
iv) Number of staff receiving broader welfare/safeguarding awareness training/briefing	138