



**Prevent Duty Annual Accountability Return 2021–22**

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| <b>Outcome requested:</b>           | Audit and Risk Committee is asked to <b>consider</b> the Prevent Duty Annual Accountability Return relating to academic year 2021–22.   |
| <b>Executive Summary:</b>           | <p>[a] The University is required to submit an annual accountability return on Prevent duty compliance to the Office for Students comprising four declarations and supporting data.</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"> <li>• Our Prevent duty lead is the Interim Director of Student Experience, who, along with the Head of Student Wellbeing, attends regular briefing sessions with the Regional Prevent Co-Ordinator for London.</li> <li>• Our primary routes to compliance are the Safeguarding Policy and the Freedom of Speech Policy, both of which are operating effectively. The Safeguarding Policy was revised in April 2022 and the Freedom of Speech Policy is currently under review.</li> <li>• No external speakers were denied a platform in 2021–22.</li> <li>• As all key staff completed induction or refresher training in 2020–21, our focus in 2021–22 was to increase the number of staff receiving broader welfare or safeguarding training. 629 people completed the Safeguarding Essentials e-learning course in this reporting period, compared to 138 in the previous year. This approach was also necessary to comply with Ofsted requirements in relation to our degree apprenticeships.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• The data return for 2021–22 is attached to this paper.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• There were no Prevent-related cases in 2021–22.</li> </ul> <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"> <li>• 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 2021–22.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Alignment with QMUL Strategy</b> | Effective governance supports the delivery of the Strategy.   |

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| <b>Internal/External regulatory/statutory reference points:</b> | Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015<br>Ongoing conditions of registration with the Office for Students<br>Prevent Duty Guidance for higher education institutions in England and Wales<br>University Safeguarding Policy<br>Freedom of Speech Policy |
| <b>Strategic Risks:</b>   | Compliance with the Prevent duty and ongoing conditions of registration with the Office for Students.  |
| <b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>                              | 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.   |
| <b>Subject to Prior and Onward Consideration by:</b>            | Council will be asked to approve this report on 17 November after it has been considered by Audit and Risk Committee.  |
| <b>Confidential paper under FOIA/DPA:</b>                       | No   |
| <b>Timing:</b>  | This is an annual report   |
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| <b>Date:</b>  | 04 November 2022   |
| <b>SET Sponsor(s):</b>  | Jonathan Morgan, Chief Governance Officer and University Secretary   |

## Office for Students Prevent monitoring

### Accountability and data return 2022

Validation passed

Provider: Queen Mary University of London

UKPRN: 10007775

In all cases this data should cover the year from 1 August 2021 to 31 July 2022.

**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 Prevent-related case, please add information about how the case originated (e.g concerns identified from behaviour online, or through accessing material online, through external speakers or as a result of a welfare issue). Maximum 300 words.

There were no Prevent-related cases between 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022.

**Table 2: Events & external speakers**

| Question  | Total | Health and safety | Procedural | Reasons related to Prevent risk | Other matters |
|---|-------|-------------------|------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| i) Total number of events or speakers approved through the external speakers process (estimate to nearest 10 permitted) | 400   |                   |            |                                 |               |
| ii) Total number of events or speakers approved subject to any mitigations or conditions                                | 0     |                   |            |                                 |               |
| iii) Number of events or speakers approved subject to any mitigations or conditions due to Prevent-related risks        | 18    |                   |            |                                 |               |
| iv) Total number of events or speakers rejected   | 0     | 0                 | 0          | 0                               | 0             |

For each case, please add information about the reasons for rejection. Maximum 300 words.

No events or speakers were rejected between 1 August 2021 and 31 July 2022.

**Table 3: Training**

| <b>Description</b>   | <b>Total</b> |
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| i) Number of staff identified as key in relation to the Prevent duty                         | 102          |
| ii) Number of key staff receiving induction Prevent training                                 | 0            |
| iii) Number of key staff receiving refresher Prevent training                                | 1            |
| iv) Number of staff receiving broader welfare or safeguarding awareness training or briefing | 629          |