Background

Part 5 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015 deals with the risk of people being drawn into terrorism and introduced a statutory duty for a range of public and other bodies. Relevant Higher Education Bodies [RHEBs] became subject to the new ‘Prevent’ duty on 18 September 2015.

To fulfil this duty RHEBs must have due regard to the need to prevent people being drawn into terrorism.

The relevant authority for ensuring that UCL fulfils its duty in this regard, both in terms of the Act and for ensuring compliance under the monitoring framework established by HEFCE, rests with UCL Council. The Council receives an annual report on compliance with the ‘Prevent’ duty.

UCL Prevent Network

The role of the UCL Prevent Network is as follows:

1. To oversee and monitor the development of a risk-based and proportionate approach through the active application of policies and procedures that address the general expectations of the Prevent Duty, in-keeping with the culture and established practices of UCL.

2. To ensure that local areas or units of UCL which have a responsibility under the Duty undertake an annual risk assessment.

3. To have oversight of local policies and procedures.

4. To have oversight of awareness training for staff.

5. To agree and monitor a UCL Prevent Action Plan.

6. To agree an annual report to UCL Council.

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