

Policy on students of concern who may be at risk of radicalisation or extremism

Including policy on information sharing

This policy applies to students who exhibit behaviours or actions which give cause for concern about a vulnerability to extremism or radicalisation, and sets out interventions the College may make in the interest of the safety and well-being of the individual and the wider College community and society as a whole. This policy also applies to the Students' Union and its societies.

1. The College has a Working Group on Student Health and Other Problems which will meet as needed for case conferences to consider individual cases. This working group will also deal with cases covered by this policy, in a holistic manner. The Group comprises the Deputy Director (as Chair), Student Services Manager, the Head of Programmes (or Assistant), relevant Head of Faculty, and/or other members of RCM staff as circumstances dictate. Members of the Working Group will often be called for case conferences at short notice and not all members will need to be available for a decision or recommendation to be formed. In dealing with students, the Working Group will consider the individual circumstances presented and form its views taking these into account.

2. In accordance with the RCM's obligation to comply with the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015, and the RCM Prevent Action Plan, if any student is identified as potentially vulnerable to radicalisation or extremism, any or all of the following actions may be taken:

- Information regarding an individual's actions or behaviour which are causing concern in this regard may be the subject of a confidential case conference called by the Deputy Director or appointed representative and other staff members as appropriate
- information about the individual's actions or behaviour may be shared, initially anonymously, with the BIS Prevent Coordinators to seek advice and determine next steps
- where deemed appropriate, the College will attempt to seek consent from the individual to share information, including their identity and other data held by RCM, with the BIS Prevent Coordinators, and/or lead at Westminster District Prevent Board and Monitoring Authority
- if it is not feasible to gain the individual's consent, the College, working with the advice and support of the Westminster District Prevent Board and Monitoring Authority may decide that there are sufficient grounds for concern, and will share information about that individual accordingly
- decisions about information sharing will be taken collectively by the case conference. The final decision rests with the Deputy Director (or substituting senior member of staff) advised by the case conference members. This policy is deliberately general in order to be flexible in dealing with what are likely to be complex individual circumstances that may take several escalating steps to address and where issues of extremism may not be apparent at the outset. If student discipline issues arise in considering an issue of extremism, then the student disciplinary procedure will be used.

As a result of this process the individual may be dealt with via the Channel process or criminal investigation procedures, as appropriate and determined by Prevent officials.