



The Prevent Duty

Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is part of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.

In order for Ashfield Playcare Scheme to fulfil the Prevent Duty it is essential that staff are able to identify children who may be vulnerable to radicalisation, and know what to do when they are identified.

Protecting children from radicalisation is seen as Ashfield Playcare Schemes wider safeguarding duty. Ashfield Playcare Scheme builds children's resilience to radicalisation by promoting fundamental British values (see British values policy).

Ashfield Playcare Scheme understands that there is no single way of identifying an individual who is likely to be susceptible to a terrorist ideology. As with managing other safeguarding risks, staff are alert to changes in children's behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection.

Attentional training – Management and Play leaders have all completed an E – learning course which is a programme provided by Channel. It focuses on providing support at an early stage to people who are identified as being vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. This e-learning course includes information on how Channel links to the government's counter-terrorism strategy (CONTEST) through the Prevent strategy. It also provides guidelines on how to identify people who may be vulnerable to radicalisation and how to refer them to the Channel programme.

Further advice can be found:

- DfE – The Prevent Duty
- HM Government – Revised Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales