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Issue

The University is required to submit an annual report to the relevant Prevent monitor (at the time HEFCE and in future OfS). Following review of this report the Prevent monitor issues a monitoring outcome.

Recommendation

Recipients are invited to note the outcome of the last annual monitoring process and to note that the University presented the Safeguarding Policy (incorporating the Prevent requirements) to Student Experience Committee on 25 April 2018. The policy was approved.

Resource Implications

None

Risk Implications

None arising from the annual report.

Equality and Diversity

None

Timing of decisions

The policy was approved on 25 April 2018 and we will advise OfS that the requested action has been completed.

Further Information

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Attachments

Letter from HEFCE dated 16 March 2018

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Dear Professor Richardson

Prevent duty annual reporting: monitoring outcome

Thank you for submitting your Prevent annual report documentation in December. After careful consideration of the report, I am pleased to inform you that we have concluded that in our view the information provided **demonstrated sufficient evidence of due regard to the Prevent duty**. I reached this conclusion following advice from HEFCE officers.

Conclusions from the 2016-17 annual report

While overall we felt that the information provided demonstrated that your policies and procedures continued to meet the Prevent statutory guidance, and that they were being implemented, we wish to draw your attention to a certain area to which we would like you to give further consideration:

- The Guidance states that appropriate staff should have an understanding of when Channel referrals should be made, and where to get further support and advice. Through correspondence you have submitted the 'UEA Safeguarding Policy, Procedure and Guidance'. The scope of this policy appears to be children and vulnerable adults. Whilst I recognise the extra support that these groups may need, the risk of radicalisation is not limited to them. There is a potential risk that those enacting this policy would not make this distinction and that there could be a delay in an individual not identified as either a child or vulnerable adult being brought into your welfare structure. You should revise this text or provide evidence for how this is clarified elsewhere to your staff and students.


Next steps

You should ensure that the feedback identified above has been addressed and confirmation provided to your Prevent Adviser within an agreed timescale. We expect specific actions to be completed before the end of the 2017-18 academic or a case should be made to your Adviser where a longer timeframe is required. You should also ensure that the feedback has been reflected and evidenced in your next annual report, where appropriate. Should you have any queries about this feedback, please contact your Adviser who will be happy to assist. We noted from the report that you have sought some further advice from HEFCE around an area of implementation of the Duty. Your Prevent Adviser will contact you in due course to discuss this with you.

Responsibility for ensuring compliance with the legal duty sits with the governing body or proprietor of your institution and you should continue to keep them suitably appraised of how your institution is demonstrating due regard to the duty.

From 1 April 2018, the Office for Students will replace HEFCE as the delegated Prevent monitor for relevant higher education bodies. Your next annual report will be due on 1 December 2018 and should be submitted to the OfS. In the meantime any serious Prevent-related incidents or significant changes to policies should be reported to your Prevent Adviser.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madeleine A. Atkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'M' and 'A'.

Professor Madeleine Atkins
Chief Executive

c.c. Mr Joe Greenwell