

DARWIN COLLEGE

PREVENT Annual Report as at 3rd April 2017

Introduction

1. This is the College's first Annual report and covers the period from 1st August 2016 to 31st March 2017. The College has implemented its PREVENT policies and processes (including ongoing refinement) and has had no PREVENT related action in the period.

Responses to outstanding actions from the initial assessment phase

2. There were two points of feedback from the response to the College's initial assessment:¹
 - a. further detail was requested on the timescales for completing the first stage of training and the formal training plan; and
 - b. confirmation of the status of College policies.
3. The College has addressed these issues and:
 - a. we have formalised a staff and Fellows training policy covering first stage and continuation training;²
 - b. College PREVENT policies are placed on the College's PREVENT webpage³ and are reviewed regularly at termly PREVENT meetings. We are satisfied that we have sufficient robust policies in place to fulfil our duties but are aware that these policies and procedures can always be improved and refined and will seek to do this on an ongoing basis.

Declaration from the Governing Body

4. At Minute 4590 of the 308th meeting on 6th February the Domestic Bursar reported that

"A meeting of the PREVENT Committee was to be convened in March to review the risk assessments and policy development, confirm any cases and reviews and to consider a draft of the next annual report."

and the Governing Body

¹ HEFCE letter to Professor C M R Fowler dated 11th November 2016.

² The policy is attached.

³ <https://www.darwin.cam.ac.uk/policies/prevent>

“confirmed that it was confident that the Committee was paying due regard to the PREVENT requirements.”

5. The minutes of that March meeting are available on the College’s PREVENT webpage and my declaration is attached.

Evidence of ongoing engagement and active implementation

General

6. After internal review, the Vice Master, Professor Martin Jones, remains and will remain the College’s PREVENT lead.⁴

Staff and Fellows training

7. Full-time and Part-time Staff training. 48 out of 50 full time and part-time staff have undertaken the Home Office online training package individually or been taken through the package in a ‘Q&A’ tutorial format. The two individuals who have not completed this level of training are recent arrivals who have been given PREVENT induction training⁵ pending completion of the online package.
8. Fellows’ training.⁶ All five official fellows have completed the online training. Eleven out of the fifteen other Fellows concerned directly with students have also completed the training, the shortfall arising from the individuals being very recently appointed as tutors. I am satisfied that this will be addressed shortly.

High risk events

9. No high risk events have been held or hosted.
10. Two activities should be noted as being outside the scope of the College’s policy on external speakers:
 - a. the Darwin College public lecture series, held annually in the Lent Term and hosting world-famous speakers on a theme particular to that year, has been assessed as a low-risk event because of its ongoing management by the College’s Education and Research Committee; and

⁴ As opposed to the planned change of PREVENT lead to the Dean noted in Footnote 7 of the Summary Report as at 31st July 2016. The Dean, Dr Needham, remains an active member of the PREVENT Committee.

⁵ At Annex B to the attached College training policy.

⁶ Annex C to the attached College training policy refers.

- b. the College's weekly science and humanities seminars on research topics by current students and fellows have also been assessed as low risk because the programme is organised by the Education and Research Committee and the topics covered are part of each presenter's research.

Welfare concerns

11. There have been no welfare concerns regarding staff or students requiring internal escalation to the College's PREVENT lead or external escalation for advice or action to PREVENT partners.

Formal referrals

12. No 'Channel referrals' have been made.

Additional information

13. With specific regard to the the two areas we have been asked to comment on for this April 2017 report:

- a. Web filtering. The College's information services are provided by the University. Its current position, which we support, is:

"The University is committed to meeting all statutory duties and doing so in a proportionate way. As a result, the use of filtering has been formally considered and we recommend no action to change the current position on web filtering should be taken at this time. The should be kept under review.

Consequently, the University will not seek to apply web or email filtering as part of its response to the [PREVENT] duty – despite Government advice to consider it. The University was not persuaded that filtering could be used effectively to prevent access to certain material, notwithstanding the lack of clarity on what to filter. Filtering would also likely hinder access to legitimate content, as well as access to sensitive material for legitimate reasons."

- b. Franchise partner institutions. We have no such franchises or partner institutions.
14. Lastly, although we are not complacent, the nature of Darwin College as a secular postgraduate institution whose student focus on scholarship and research means that overt political activism on PREVENT-related issues, with the attendant meetings and speakers such activities involve, is rare and almost non-existent. I am confident, therefore, that the lack of reported concerns, referral and so on are not a 'false negative' but a realistic picture of

College life.

Professor C M R Fowler
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31st March 2017