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# BIS Prevent advisers

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The Counter-Terrorism and Security Act 2015 contains a duty on specified authorities to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism. This is known as the '[Prevent Duty](#)'.

Specified authorities, including higher and further education institutions, must comply with the Prevent Duty. This includes non-publicly funded providers with over 250 students.

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## About BIS Prevent advisers

Under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act, the Secretary of State has the power to nominate advisers to monitor compliance with the Prevent duty in non-publicly-funded further education providers. A team of 5 advisers have been recruited from a wide range of backgrounds, including a background in safeguarding in one of the following:

- further education institutions
- police
- Muslim communities / interfaith relations
- local authorities
- community development and cohesion
- governance and leadership

## Monitoring

The BIS Prevent advisers monitor independent and private training providers who don't receive public funding. They monitor any further education institution that meets the following criteria:

- over 250 students who are undertaking courses in preparation for examinations related to qualifications regulated by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation
- non-publicly funded

Other further education institutions may also be monitored if a referral is upheld by BIS.

The advisers:

- monitor the policies which providers have in place to comply with the Prevent duty
- provide advice on providers' compliance to the Secretary of State for BIS

Other further education institutions may also be inspected if a referral is upheld by BIS.






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## How to comply with the Prevent Duty

Read the [guidance on how to comply with the Prevent Duty](#).

## Support to ensure compliance with the duty

- [Association of Employment and Learning Providers \(AELP\)](#) 
- [Association Of Colleges \(AOC\)](#) 
- [Education and Training Foundation \(ETF\)](#) 
- [further education and higher education Prevent coordinators](#) 
- [resources for parents, teachers and students \(Educate against hate\)](#) 

## Reporting concerns about a provider

You can report a provider in confidence by emailing [FEunregulated@bis.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FEunregulated@bis.gsi.gov.uk) or calling 0207 215 0000.

For more information contact [BPIT@bis.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:BPIT@bis.gsi.gov.uk).

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