

Safeguarding and Prevent

Transcript

Welcome to this short video which explains how Safeguarding is defined and applied at UCEM.

Let's start off by talking about what Safeguarding and Prevent are. Safeguarding involves looking after the health, safety and welfare of all of our students. It could involve a number of issues including protecting students from abuse, but also supporting students who are having issues with finances, housing, addiction, problems with their physical or mental health, problems in the workplace or problems at home, problems with Covid-19 or more.

Many people often assume that Safeguarding only refers to children, however this is not true. At UCEM, we look after the welfare of all of our students regardless of their age.

The Prevent Duty places a statutory obligation on education providers to have due regard to the need to stop people from being drawn into terrorism. UCEM trains all of its staff and students on radicalisation and extremism, the signs to look out for, British values and where they can get help and support if they need it.

When we talk about British values, we're talking about democracy, individual liberty, the rule of law and mutual respect and tolerance.

The health, safety and welfare of our students is our top priority and that's why you'll find that Safeguarding and Prevent are embedded throughout all aspects of the apprenticeship programme.

Our compliance is monitored by Ofsted and the Office for Students, and our success in these areas is vital to our apprenticeship delivery.

You'll notice that Safeguarding and Prevent are covered in every review visit. The apprenticeship outcomes officers will discuss a number of mandatory topics with apprentices, including bullying and harassment, online safety, modern slavery, mental health and radicalisation and extremism. They'll also cover a number of optional topics with the apprentices. These might be relevant to what's going on in the news or they might be personalised to the apprentice, depending on what's going on in their personal life or if there are any issues which are relevant where the apprentice works or lives.

Apprenticeship outcomes officers will aim to find out what the apprentice already knows about a topic. They'll explore how the apprentice can keep themselves safe and talk about where an apprentice can get help and support if they're affected by anything that they discuss.

UCEM also has a dedicated and highly trained Safeguarding team who are here to support our students. We can offer information, advice and guidance on a number of different topics as well as organising support for apprentices who need this.

Support might be external. For example, we might arrange for a student to get help from a charity if they need this who can help them with specific topics, or we might arrange for a student to get talking therapies they would find this useful.

We can also arrange for internal support and this might include arranging for academic support for students or supporting them to apply for mitigating circumstances, if this is something that they need.

The Safeguarding team can be contacted by email, by emailing safeguarding@ucem.ac.uk or by calling 0118 467 2400. We can be reached from Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am and 5pm. We're happy to talk to employers if you have any questions about Safeguarding or Prevent, or if you have any concerns about one of your apprentices.

Thank you for watching this video on Safeguarding and Prevent and I hope you found it useful. If you do have any questions, please get in touch.