



PREVENT POLICY & PROCEDURES 2024-25



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1.1	08/08/2024	Claire Halket	Board	Updated HoS with JB

1. Introduction

Statement

1.1 Port Vale Football Club (hereafter referred to as the Club) is committed to ensuring that we create a safe environment for everyone. This Policy sets out our commitment to preventing radicalisation to individuals within our Club, or to those who become known to us, and outlines what we will do to prevent it and report it to the authorities in line with Section 26 of the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Carol Shanahan

Chair and Co-owner

Scope

1.2 This policy is for use across the Club and is to be observed by all those working or volunteering and who may encounter adults at risk, children and young people, this to ensure that best practice in safeguarding is promoted and adhered to.

Activities undertaken at the following departments/locations are under the remit of this policy including:

Port Vale Football Club and the Vale Park Stadium

Port Vale First Team



Port Vale Academy

Port Vale Foundation Trust and Youth Development

Port Vale Women's Team

Port Vale Retail Store

Any location visited by staff/volunteers in an official capacity.

1.3 The Club recognise and promote fundamental British values alongside our own Club core values which are focused upon us being Extraordinary, People Centred, Tenacious, Valiant and Respectful. These values are key to building resilience to radicalisation on every level, thus allowing people, including those from diverse and ethnic backgrounds, to reach their full potential within and around their activities.

These values are recognised at every level and aim to stop people being drawn into supporting terrorism by safeguarding adults at risk, children and young people, including their families, from violent extremism. It also seeks to stop the development of a rigid and narrow ideology that is intolerant of diversity, British values and which ultimately leaves them vulnerable to future radicalisation.

Every person working or volunteering at the Club has a "Duty of Care" to safeguard the welfare of all adults at risk, children and young people by creating an environment that protects them from radicalisation.

Definitions

1.4

Extremism	<p>Is defined as vocal or active opposition to fundamental values, including democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect, as well as the tolerance of different faiths and beliefs.</p> <p>There is no such thing as a 'typical extremist'. Those who become involved in extremism do so from a wide and eclectic mix of backgrounds and experiences. It should be borne in mind that many who hold extremist views do not go on to become involved in violent extremist activity.</p>
Radicalisation	<p>Refers to the process by which a person comes to support terrorism and extremist ideology. It can take place in a number of ways, though recent emphasis has been placed on the role of the internet in the process as well as the influence of powerful direct relationships upon an individual.</p>



1.5 Further information can be sighted within the “The Prevent Duty Guidance for England and Wales (2023)” [see here.](#)

2. Context

2.1 It is important to recognise that the Prevent Duty within the Club is inherently different to those of a child care professional, however, there are areas that will overlap which are highlighted as follows:

‘The general risks affecting children and young people may vary from area to area, and according to their age. Schools and childcare providers are in an important position to identify risks within a given local context. It is important that schools and childcare providers understand these risks so that they can respond in an appropriate and proportionate way.’

‘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 should be alert to changes in children’s behaviour which could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection. Children at risk of radicalisation may display different signs or seek to hide their views’.

‘The Prevent Duty does not require teachers or childcare providers to carry out unnecessary intrusion into family life, but as with any other safeguarding risk, they must take action when they observe behaviours of concern’.

2.2 There may not be any one single sign which will lead you to believe an adult at risk, child or young person, is being radicalised. The general risks affecting these individuals may vary from area to area and according to their age. 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, club personnel should be alert to changes in the behaviour of an adult at risk, child or young person, that could indicate that they may be in need of help or protection.

There are acknowledged indicating factors such as underachievement, possession of extremist literature, social exclusion, individual traumatic events, religious conversion or zealotry, intolerance, referencing extremist ideology or views as well as influence, family conflict, confused identity issues or being the victim or witness to race or hate crimes.

3. Prevention and Procedure

3.1 The Club will provide training to staff and volunteers with a view to the identification of indicating factors, including ‘grooming’ around radicalisation. Training will be delivered in partnership with key organisations including Stoke on Trent Local Authority Prevent Team and Channel Panel [further information here.](#)

3.2 If there is any concern that an individual is or may be exposed to, or at risk of,



radicalisation within the environs of the Club you must refer this immediately to the Head of Safeguarding at safeguarding@port-vale.co.uk.

3.3 Any concern will be referred to the appropriate authorities as outlined within the Adults at Risk and Children/Young People safeguarding policies.

4. Associated Policies

Other associated policies linked directly or indirectly to this Policy include:

- Safeguarding Adults at Risk Policy & Procedures 2024-25
- Safeguarding Children and Young People Policy & Procedures 2024-25
- Online Safety & Social Media Policy & Procedures 2024-25



Appendix A – INTERNAL CONTACT DETAILS

List of Internal Contacts

Senior Safeguarding Manager (SSM)(Board Representative)

Claire Halket (Director of People & Operations)

(E): claire.halket@port-vale.co.uk / (M): 01782 655800

Head of Safeguarding & Lead Disclosure Officer

Jon Bloore

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Appendix B – EXTERNAL CONTACTS & RESOURCE DETAILS

List of External Contacts & Resources

Stoke on Trent Safeguarding Children Partnership (*Stoke on Trent Only*)

Childrens Advice and Duty Service (CHaD)

If you suspect a Child or Young Person is at risk of significant harm.

(T): 01782 235100 (Monday – Friday 08:30 to 18:00 Hours).

Out of Hours

Emergency Duty Team (EDT)

(T): 01782 234234

(W): www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk

Stoke on Trent Prevent Team

Shahzad Tahir (Community Cohesion Manager)

(T): 01782 238771 / (E): Shahzad.Tahir@stoke.gov.uk

Sarah Dyer (Prevent Education Officer)

(T): 01782 233239 / (E): Sarah.Dyer@stoke.gov.uk

Staffordshire Childrens Advice and Support Service (SCAS)

This service does not cover Stoke on Trent (Refer to CHaD above).

If you suspect a Child or Young Person is at risk of significant harm.

(T): 0300 111 8007 (Monday – Thursday – 08:30 to 17:00 Hours & Friday – 08:30 to 16:30 Hours)

Out of Hours

Emergency Duty Service

(T): 0345 604 2886 / (E) eds.team.manager@staffordshire.gov.uk

Staffordshire Police Prevent Team

(T): 01785 232054 / (E): prevent@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk

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Police Anti-Terrorist Hotline

(T): 0800 789 321

Action Counters Terrorism

(w): www.actearly.uk

National Police Prevent Line

(T): 0800 011 3764



Authority from Port Vale Board and Acceptance of Policy

Senior Safeguarding Manager (Board Member):	Claire Halket
Signature:	<i>Claire Halket</i>
Date:	19/07/2024

Chief Executive Officer (Board Member):	Matt Hancock
Signature:	<i>Matt Hancock</i>
Date:	19/07/2024

This policy will be reviewed by the Head of Safeguarding regularly and annually or following learning outcomes as a result of a significant incident or when legislation or statutory guidance changes are implemented.