

## IT Safety

As at July 13, 2016

1. The University is currently working on proposed changes to the Information, Communications & Technology Committee's Regulations in light of PREVENT duties. These changes are fairly minor, and once the relevant documents are finalised they will be incorporated into the University regulations. The draft version provides reference to the PREVENT duty and wording as follows:

*7. Users are not permitted to use University IT or network facilities for any of the following:*

...

- *with the intention of drawing people into terrorism (contrary to the University's statutory duty under Prevent);*

...

2. Following the guidance provided by the University to colleges, it is suggested that the colleges' IT policies should refer to the PREVENT duty, and that if any college's current IT policy lists activities which would require clearance before accessing them, then the college may wish to add to the list something like:

*extremist material which has the real potential to lead to serious terrorist crime on the part of the user*

3. Based on these guidelines, we anticipate updating the Staff Handbook and Grey Book as follows:

Staff Handbook: Safeguards > (H) > 2 > b

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Grey Book: 10 Computing Facilities > Rules and Regulations for Computer Use

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