# Staying safe

The college has a statutory and moral duty to ensure that it safeguards and promotes the welfare of all its students specifically ensuring it protects those who are suffering or are likely to suffer significant harm. We have effective measures in place to protecting children, young people and vulnerable adults from potential harm or damage.

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children refers to protecting children from maltreatment, preventing impairment of children's mental and physical health or development. It also ensures children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care, and taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes.

We also support adults who may at risk of abuse or exploitation. Safeguarding vulnerable adults is defined in the care and support guidance issued under the Care Act 2014.

#### **Prevent**

The Prevent duty requires colleges to have due regard to the need to prevent people from being drawn into terrorism, supporting terrorism or being drawn into non-violent extremism. Prevent is another aspect of our safeguarding and concerns related to Prevent can be raised through our safeguarding arrangements.

# Staying safe online

We have effective filtering and monitoring of our IT networks and infrastructure to ensure that we provide a safe environment for our members to learn and work. Online safety and security are very important and we encourage students to ensure that they are safe online at all times regardless of the networks they may be using. We educate students about online safety strategies and remind them to be aware of their online actions and how this could have consequences for themselves and others. Students are also encouraged to use top tips for staying secure online such as the use a strong and separate password for email, installing the latest software and app updates, turning on 2-step verification, keeping personal information private, thinking before posting and avoiding posting comments that could be deemed offensive.

## **Support**

Our Student Hub is the place for you to access a range of support services, resources to help you with any safeguarding, wellbeing and find answers to common queries. If you have any safeguarding queries, please email the college's safeguarding team: safeguarding@tameside.ac.uk



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