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Dear Dame Minouche

Prevent monitoring: ADR and risk assessment outcome

The Office for Students (the “OfS”) has regulatory oversight for ensuring that providers of higher education meet their responsibilities under the Counter Terrorism and Security Act 2015.

Each year, the OfS makes a judgement on the compliance of each provider with the Prevent Duty, based on the OfS’s core monitoring process, which include: the submission of accountability and data returns, Prevents review meetings, and the review of serious incidents and material changes.

I am writing to confirm both the outcome of the assessment of the accountability and data return (ADR) and the subsequent risk assessment made by the OfS on the risk of future non-compliance with the statutory Prevent Duty.

Accountability and data return outcome

Following consideration of your accountability and data return, we have concluded that The London School of Economics and Political Science **demonstrated due regard** to the [Prevent Duty].

Risk assessment outcome

We have assessed that The London School of Economics and Political Science is **not at higher risk of non-compliance with Prevent**. We used a variety of sources of information in order to inform that assessment. In paragraphs 86-88 of our ‘Prevent duty: Framework for monitoring in higher education in England 2018-19 onwards’, the OfS will run a separate but related risk assessment process to inform our wider understanding of a provider’s context and its approach to implementation of the duty and how we will engage with it.

The information used to inform that assessment included a provider’s track record of compliance with the former Higher Education Funding Council for England’s (HEFCE’s) processes; information and conclusions drawn from core processes under the OfS Monitoring framework for Prevent, such

as the accountability and data return; where appropriate, initial or ongoing monitoring of registration conditions, e.g. public interest principles, and information from Prevent partners, such as Ofsted, Charity Commission, the Department for Education about local and wider risk and threat¹.

Next steps

As The London School of Economics and Political Science is not considered to be at higher risk of non-compliance with the duty, it will be entered into the sample population for Prevent Review Meetings. We will notify you at the point The London School of Economics and Political Science has been selected for the Prevent Review Meeting, and will provide further details on the process. Further information on Prevent Review Meetings can be found in our guidance: Prevent Review Meetings: Guidance for providers.

In the meantime please report any Prevent-related events or changes in circumstance to prevent@officeforstudents.org.uk.

Yours sincerely



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¹ <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/media/3e9aa5d3-21de-4b24-ac21-18de19b041dc/prevent-duty-framework-for-monitoring-in-higher-education-in-england-2018-19-onwards-updated-22-january-2019.pdf>