

Protect and Prepare

Keeping Hull Safe from Terrorism and Violent Crime

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General Reminders:

- **Terrorism:** Updates and wider guidance on Martyn's Law and other wider counter terrorism advice can be obtained from Protect UK, where you can also subscribe to update emails. To access this advice and sign up to these emails visit: [Protect UK](#)
- **Action to consider:** We strongly encourage all businesses and community groups to sign up to this platform for easy access to updates and guidance linked to counter terrorism and security.
- **Crime and Safety:** More information around services in place to support crime and safety concerns within Hull can be obtained from [Community Safety Partnership – Hull Collaborative Partnership](#) and [Humberside Police](#).

Current National Terrorist Threat Level: [SUBSTANTIAL](#)

(The Threat Levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack. They are also a tool for security practitioners working across different sectors and the police to use in determining what protective security response may be required. Please click the terrorism threat level indicated above to learn more).

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Draft Legislation: Progress Update

Since its entry into the approval process on 12th September 2024 (entering into its first reading in the House of Commons), the draft Bill has made good progress. It has passed through the 2nd stage House of Commons reading (14th October 2024) and the 3rd stage reading (9th December 2024). Between the 2nd and 3rd reading, it was also discussed and passed at committee stage (29th October 2024) and report stage (9th December 2024).

It has now entered into the House of Lords. Within this process, it was formally accepted during the 1st reading (10th December 2024). Its 2nd reading was on 7th January and has now entered into the committee and reporting stages before its 3rd hearing. Once the 3rd hearing has taken place, if accepted, it will then enter the 2 stage Royal Assent process.

For more information on the [Draft Bill](#), , easy to digest [Factsheets](#) have been made available. You can follow its progress through the approval process online via the [\(Terrorism - Protection of Premises Government Bill\)](#) webpage.

Reminders of why Protective Security is Important: Recent Case Studies

Below are a number of recent incidents and anniversaries of past incidents that remind us why it remains so important to maintain, and work to enhance, our protective security measures (despite the Protection of Premises Bill (aka Martyn's Law) not yet having passed by Royal Assent.

Fishmongers' Hall Anniversary

November 29 2024 marked five years since the Fishmongers' Hall (London) attack where Saskia Jones and Jack Merritt sadly lost their lives, and three others were seriously injured.

Liverpool Women's Hospital Terror Anniversary

November 14 2024 marked the anniversary of another horrific incident, where an improvised explosive device was detonated by a passenger in a taxi outside Liverpool Women's Hospital. Fortunately, no members of the public lost their lives that day, however the actions will no doubt have had a lasting effect on the taxi driver and the patients, families and staff who were at the hospital.

Former Soldier Convicted of Spy Offences

A former soldier who sparked a nationwide manhunt after escaping from prison has been convicted of spying offences. The conviction follows an investigation by the Met's Counter Terrorism Command which found he had been sharing sensitive military information with Iranian agents. Daniel Khalife, 23, was found guilty at Woolwich Crown Court of espionage and terrorism offences on November 28.

Head of the Met's Counter Terrorism Command, Commander Dominic Murphy, said,

"The threat to the UK from states such as Iran is very serious, so for a soldier in the Army to be sharing sensitive military material and information with them is extremely reckless and dangerous."



“Khalife claimed that he wanted to help the UK’s security by becoming a so-called ‘double agent’ but the reality we uncovered is that he simply put UK security at great risk by what he was doing.

“Then, when he was in prison awaiting trial, he escaped and went on the run. But thanks to some brilliant police work – here in the Met but also across the country – coupled with the fantastic support of the public, we were able to find and arrest him to make sure he faced justice.

“I hope this serves as a warning that the illegal sharing of information in this way will be treated extremely seriously by security services and police and we will use the full force of the law against those who put the UK’s security at risk.”

Assessing Personnel Security Maturity

The National Protective Security Authority (NPSA) are pleased to announce the launch of a new tool to assist in the assessment of the maturity of Personnel Security within businesses and other organisations. It starts with a short set of triage questions, to assess your organisation’s readiness to undertake the full assessment.

These questions will help determine whether the tool will be useful in your organisation’s journey towards developing a personnel security programme and provides next steps so that your organisation gets the most value from using the full assessment tool. The assessments produced can aid in the promotion and raise awareness of potential gaps and vulnerabilities in your current personnel security programme to your organisation’s senior decision makers. It will help to focus attention on those specific areas and support bids for appropriate resources, using colour coded graphs to tell the story.

This is a free, self-service tool, available to any business or organisation wishing to assess their own level of personnel security maturity and provides steps for how to either maintain or enhance it. The tool, along with additional guidance, can be found on the [Personal Security Maturity Assessment](#) page.

Update on Consultants

We are aware that consultants are progressing with their approaches on those likely to be impacted by the Protection of Premises Bill (aka Martyn’s Law). With this in mind, the following key issues should be considered by those looking to engage consultant services:

1. Nationally and locally work is ongoing to provide everything organisations need to make themselves self-sufficient in delivering the new requirements under the Act. The aim of the Act is to not disproportionately impact an organisation, and this includes with consideration to financial output (for which paying for consultants could undue financial burden). Therefore, toolkits and guidance are being designed for your use. And by completing the work yourselves you are also developing and enhancing your own knowledge and helping change the culture of your organisation to one that is more secure through knowledge and ownership of security risks.



2. The Protection of Premises Bill not been ratified by Royal Assent and so is not formally Law yet. Therefore, at this stage no one should be selling consultancy services under this banner until a time that the Law becomes LIVE. Once this does happen, there will be a period of grace to allow those impacted by the new requirements to get in place what they need to. Therefore, again any consultants should not be rushing people to make decisions or employ their services as any matter of urgency. If there are any issues with consultants being “aggressive” or using scare tactics or being otherwise overly persistent or threatening, then they should be reported to their professional body. Please also inform Safer.Hull@hullcc.gov.uk of their details.
3. All consultants selling security services should be a member of an appropriate professional body who will have in place their own code of conduct and subsequent conduct panel protocols.
4. Guidance is in place to help you make the right choices if you do decide to employ a consultant and should be considered prior to employing a consultant for security services: [Guidance for Procuring Consultants](#)

ProtectUK App Update

The dedicated ProtectUK App was withdrawn on December 31, 2024. Individuals and organisations will no longer be able to use or download the App after this date, when it will also be removed from the Google and Apple App stores. The move comes following extensive research into user needs over the last year, alongside the future development of the platform into 2025. From the end of December, users have been directed to the main [Protect UK Website](#) with its comprehensive range of tools and resources.

While there remains an appetite for practical mobile solutions, traffic to the [Protect UK Website](#) has more than doubled to over two million visits in 2024, suggesting that demand is growing for content on the main site. The new phase of development for this has already begun, with the appointment of a digital agency who have started a review. They have been tasked with improving the security, stability and usability of the site and designing a more integrated and immersive experience for mobile users.

Training and Awareness

Training: Various training is available for businesses and community groups to increase their levels of awareness and preparedness to protect themselves and others from the risks of terrorism. The main FREE of charge packages are:

- Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) Training
- See, Check and Notify (SCAN) Training

For more details visit [Counter Terrorism Police Advice for Businesses](#)

Awareness Campaigns: Please also consider using the National Protective Security Authority [Community on Your Side Toolkit](#). This is a toolkit that helps you highlight and reassure the security measures your site(s) has in place to protect site users from terrorism style attacks.



Crime Prevention: Please consider how you can help mitigate against crime and terrorism using the [Counter Terrorism Crime Prevention Toolkit](#).

Safer Hull's Protect and Prepare webpage: For general advice, guidance, templates and updates, as well as a contact form to get in touch with the Protect and Prepare team for Hull, please see the [Safer Hull's Martyn's Law \(Protect Duty\) information sharing web page](#).

Action to consider: Please consider engaging in training sessions and campaigns highlighted above, as well as others as they become available.

How to Report Concerns

Terrorism: If you see anything within your communities which causes concern which you believe may indicate the planning or presence of terrorist activity, please report it.

- If you do not believe a threat is imminent, please report (anonymously if necessary) what you have seen to the Anti-Terrorist Hotline: **0800 789 321**
- If you feel that an attack is imminent or there is an immediate threat to life, please contact your local police on **999**

Violent Crime: If your concern is around violent crime and there is an immediate threat to life, property or possessions, please contact **999**. For all other concerns please call **101**.

Contacts

For any queries or issues please email: Safer.Hull@hullcc.gov.uk

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