

Counter terrorism and domestic extremism

Tackling [terrorism and domestic extremism](#) is a national priority for Police Scotland and we will work with our partners to protect our communities by reducing and mitigating the threat and harm it causes.

Your View Counts
 Respondents to our public consultation survey identified counter terrorism / national security as the top national priority.
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Impact
 Terrorist attacks and disruptions across the UK, Europe and beyond continue to persist and the threat from extremist terrorist attacks in the UK remains high. The threat level was raised to 'CRITICAL' twice during 2017/18.

We will make effective use of intelligence and analysis to better understand all forms of terrorism and domestic extremism that pose a threat to Scottish communities and support delivery of the four key strands of the [CONTEST strategy](#). In 2018/19 we will:

Commitment	Prevention and Protection	Communities	Knowledge and Innovation
PURSUE – to stop terrorist attacks	We are committed to pursuing and stopping those who aim to do our communities harm and we will work closely with a range of partners to deliver a multi-agency approach to tackling the threat from terrorism. This will include using a wider range of disruption and safeguarding tactics.	We will continue to work with the community to identify terrorist related activity and those who support it. We will maximise all opportunities to disrupt and detect these activities.	We will review our processes for capturing intelligence linked to potential terrorist activity with the aim of identifying best practice and adding value to the national and local response to terrorism.
PREVENT – to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism	We will use the PREVENT Case Management (PCM) and PREVENT Professional Concerns (PPC) processes to safeguard and support those most at risk of radicalisation . In partnership, we will tackle the influences of	We will support national campaigns to deliver 'safeguarding messaging' to communities via a range of channels.	Support to local policing colleagues will be channeled through the Divisional CONTEST Governance structure and the delivery of PREVENT strand awareness training .

	<p>radicalisation and respond to the ideological challenge of terrorism.</p> <p>We will participate in key multi-agency meetings; including the UK Regional PREVENT Coordinators meeting, local Multi-Agency Prevent Case Management meeting, and Scottish Government's Prevent Sub-Group.</p>	<p>Our team of 'web constables' will also provide advice and information to our communities, including current and emerging threats, national sources of additional information and counter terrorism advice in relation to the use of social media.</p>	
<p>PROTECT – to strengthen our protection against a terrorist attack</p>	<p>Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSAs) will deliver a coordinated programme of protective security advice and support stakeholders, businesses, public and communities at key locations. This includes targeted patrols to protect key sites (critical national infrastructure; crowded places; and hazardous sites and sectors).</p>	<p>Our CTSAs will deliver nationally recognised security training, such as Project Griffin and Project Argus, alongside hostile reconnaissance reporting procedures, suspicious packages and mail handling security protocols. Our advice to businesses and communities will enhance security provision within Scotland.</p>	<p>We will work with our partners to increase awareness around cyber security and resilience, to counter the threat from cyber-related terrorist activity. We will also upskill CTSAs to deliver appropriate advice and training to communities and businesses on cyber-related matters.</p>
<p>PREPARE – to mitigate the impact of a terrorist attack</p>	<p>Develop, maintain and deploy specific capabilities to mitigate and respond to a terrorist attack.</p> <p>Review threat levels linked to safety at public events across Scotland and deliver the appropriate policing response.</p>	<p>We will work with partners and communities to plan, test and deliver local, regional and national exercises to ensure that Scotland is fully prepared to mitigate the impact from any terrorist incident.</p>	<p>We will establish Police Scotland as a centre for 'disruptive effects' training and additional training regarding the CT menu of tactical options will be delivered at all levels across the organisation.</p>