



**COUNTER  
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## Protect & Prepare Conference

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## Business Conference

**The UK's Protective Security lead has told a conference of business and industry leaders that Counter Terrorism Policing's "Step Change" initiative is ready to start delivering fundamental improvements to the way the public and private sectors work together.**



**Deputy Assistant Commissioner  
Lucy D'Orsi**

Speaking at a national Protect and Prepare Conference at Credit Suisse's Canary Wharf offices on Wednesday 18 April, Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D'Orsi told industry leaders from banking, retail, sports and entertainment that after more than a year of consultation and development, both the police and businesses will soon be fulfilling their

plans for greater improvements in collaboration.

"It is time to deliver what we have been planning since the inception of the 'Step Change' more than a year ago," said DAC Lucy D'Orsi.

"We have now identified opportunities where greater collaboration between the public and private sectors will help to mitigate the terrorist threat, and it is time to turn this into reality.

"This can be the hardest stage, with a large number of obstacles looming ahead, but I am fully confident in our ability to make the UK's Protective Security a collective responsibility."

Security experts from NaCTSO have been consulting with representatives of businesses which have been divided into five 'strands': Cyber and Finance, Travel and Tourism, Security and Resilience, Transport and Crowded Places.

Opportunities to improve security have been identified within each strand, with increased data-sharing, embedding representatives from security bodies with NaCTSo, and developing a cadre of accredited cyber specialists to share best practice across competing business all on the table in the first few months of the 'Step Change' implementation programme.

Conference delegates listened to presentations from senior police officers, the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) and representatives from Heathrow Airport and retailer Marks and Spencer.

Marks and Spencer's, Head of Business Continuity, John Frost, took to the stage to introduce the latest example of how business and industry can contribute to the Protective Security of the UK.



**John Frost with DCS Scott Wilson**

Counter Terrorism Police are aiming to deliver awareness training to more than a million crowded places workers with the help of a ground-breaking new e-learning package.

Security experts from CT Policing have collaborated with Marks & Spencer and Highfield e-learning - a global leader in compliance and work-based e-learning - to develop the package, which has been successfully trialled with 7,000 M&S employees and around 14,000 from other companies working in the retail sector.

Called 'ACT Awareness e-Learning', it consists of six primary modules designed to teach staff about the terrorist threat to the public and how to mitigate it, such as spotting the signs of suspicious behaviour and reacting to an attack.

The course, which is fully interactive, can be taken at times to suit business needs and will give all those who complete the sections a nationally accredited certificate.

Thanks to Marks & Spencers' sponsorship, CT Policing will make the e-learning package a nationally-available resource for all qualifying organisations – private or public.

For more information about the ACT Awareness e-Learning package, and to find out whether your business qualifies for access to this free resource, visit :-

[www.gov.uk/government/news/act-awareness-elearning](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/act-awareness-elearning).

The officer tasked with overseeing and delivering the 'Step Change', Chief Superintendent Nick Aldworth, set out his goals for the coming weeks - acknowledging the ground-breaking and difficult work ahead.



### Chief Superintendent Nick Aldworth

"Step Change is uncharted territory, going against the norms and transcending commercial competition to try and make our country a safer place," he said. "It is a big programme of work and it crosses a lot of different sectors and industries."

Speaking at the conference, Chief Superintendent Nick Aldworth praised the partnerships already operating between the public and private sectors but emphasised that the collaboration needed to continue to effectively combat the threat currently posed by terrorism.

He said; "The threat is real and is a challenge to all of us, in policing, in government and in industry. To successfully meet this threat head on, we must exploit every opportunity for innovation and collaboration between the public and private sectors. Together we have an opportunity to build on the excellent existing relationships between businesses and police, by improving information-sharing and to provide specialist training where it can be most effective."

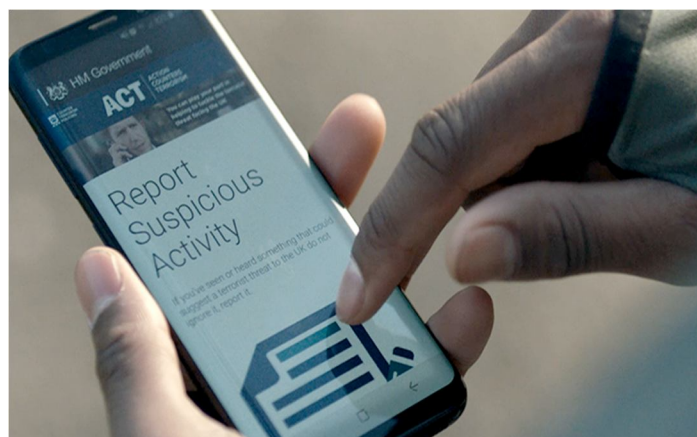
Michelle Elkins, from the CT Policing Communications Team talked about the importance of communications in the fight against terrorism.

"Launched last month, on our latest major national campaign, is designed to highlight suspicious activity. So far we have reached 5 million people and seen on line reports to police double."



How you can support:-

- Sharing our digital assets on social media accounts
- Displaying ACT campaign messaging for customers/employees by utilising existing counter terrorism policing posters/leaflets
- Continue working with the National Counter Terrorism Policing HQ campaigns team to tailor ACT messaging for your own force/business
- Sharing/socialising ACT digital/social media assets on your own accounts to help increase our reach across different audiences
- Adopting ACT branding and key messaging for internal staff awareness campaigns /on intranet and public facing website accounts
- Signposting the public to advice about how to report suspicious activity that could be terrorist related via [www.gov.uk/ACT](http://www.gov.uk/ACT)



## Threat Levels

**The current threat level for international terrorism in the UK is SEVERE.**

**The current threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism in Northern Ireland is SEVERE.**

**The current threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism in Britain is SUBSTANTIAL.**

**What the threat levels mean:**

Threat levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack.

- LOW means an attack is unlikely.
- MODERATE means an attack is possible, but not likely
- SUBSTANTIAL means an attack is a strong possibility
- SEVERE means an attack is highly likely
- CRITICAL means an attack is expected imminently