

FAO – All Elected Officials (incl Private Office Staff) & Local Faith Leaders

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Good afternoon,

Counter Terrorism Policing are offering further **personal security briefings** delivered on Microsoft teams for elected representatives as well as local faith leaders. The briefings will be taking place monthly in February, March and April and will then move to bi-monthly briefings being delivered in June, August, October and December. Whilst the personal security briefings will continue to be broken down into geographical areas and will be delivered locally, you are welcome to attend **any** session. **There will be an opportunity within the briefing to ask questions** to the presenter, however any questions should relate to details contained within the briefing. Any specific questions regarding individual security measures or issues should be directed to your local policing team.

As before, whilst there has been a significant increase in reporting of hate crimes and incidents due to world events, at this time, we have **no information to suggest** that there is a heightened threat to elected representatives or their staff, nor for faith communities, including those from the Jewish faith. This is under continual review and should there be any change this will be circulated to you.

As a precautionary measure we have compiled below a range of open source advice and guidance on safety and security for reassurance and ease of reference, to be disseminated to elected representatives and faith leaders. Should other individuals outside these groups ask for advice this can of course be shared with them. In particular I would like to **draw your attention to** the free [ACT e-Learning](#) counter terrorism awareness course for you and your staff to complete and the [The Blue Book: A Guide to Personal Security | ProtectUK](#).

Reporting an emergency - Call 999 if you are reporting a crime that is in progress or if someone is in immediate danger.

Reporting non-emergencies – you can [Report crimes online](#) or by calling 101 if they are not an emergency.

You can also call 101 to give information to the police or make an enquiry.

In addition, you can also link in with your local neighbourhood Inspector to discuss any concerns you have. We have asked local policing leads to ensure your local policing Inspector makes contact with you so that you have their contact details.

Other useful resources:

The LGA's [guidance](#) on personal safety.

The NCSC recommend

- <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/guidance-for-individuals-in-politics>

NaCTSO, Home Office, Counter Terrorism useful guidance:

- [The Blue Book: A Guide to Personal Security | ProtectUK](#)
- [E-Learning | ProtectUK](#)
- <https://www.protectuk.police.uk/resources/51>

NPCC, CPS, The Electoral Commission, College of Policing

- [Joint Guidance for Candidates in Elections 2021 \(electoralcommission.org.uk\)](#)

The Suzy Lamplugh Trust has excellent guidance for lone working in every situation:

- [Personal Safety at work | Suzy Lamplugh Trust](#)
- www.suzylamplugh.org/personal-safety-at-home,
- www.suzylamplugh.org/personal-safety-and-law).

Please also see the [Community Security Trust](#) website for advice/guidance specifically for Jewish communities.

Protective Security for Mosques Scheme has been reopened for an additional six weeks. See [Guidance: Protective security schemes for places of worship](#)

Kind Regards,



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