

Thank you for joining us at our education sector webinar.

The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) is part of Counter Terrorism Policing and supports the Protect and Prepare strands of the HM Government's counter terrorism strategy (CONTEST). They are responsible for providing awareness, advice and guidance to UK Venues & Public Spaces to help them protect themselves from, and prepare themselves for, the possibility of terrorism.

The presentation you recently heard was built around a short list of good starting points for any organisation to consider when building their internal security culture.

The inquiry following the terrorist attack at Manchester Arena in May 2017 recommended that Government produce a free, accessible library of counter-terrorism information and advice. This is aimed to support organisations with clear definitive guidance to allow them to better protect and prepare themselves against terrorism. This portal is known as [ProtectUK | Home](#)

There are a number of free training and awareness resources already available, that can be considered, adopted now and used to help better prepare you and your people to effectively respond in the unlikely event of a terrorist incident at your site.

Consider Response Procedures to reduce the impact of incidents.

It is important to establish effective incident response plans and procedures and socialise them across your site so that everyone knows what to do in the event of a terrorist incident. You should rehearse those plans to test them and validate them with all staff and surrounding facilities to make sure they are effective. This will reduce the overall impact of any incident. We have provided the following existing guidance:

1. NaCTSO and Dept. for Education specific guidance and awareness tools to support your development of response plans and procedures.

Guidance - Visit '[Protective Preparedness for educational Settings](#)'. This is an Education specific guidance product aimed to support your efforts as you develop and review your plans.

E-Learning - Visit [ACT for Education e-Learning](#) – an interactive online Education specific product aimed to improve counter terrorism awareness and response.

Facilitated Toolkit - Visit [ACT for Youth](#) – A PSHE, DfE & NaCTSO product aimed to help young people better protect themselves and keep safe during a knife or gun attack.

2. Additional incident response plan guidance.

Within the 'Venues and Public Spaces' guidance on the ProtectUK website there is additional guidance on [evacuation, invacuation, lockdown and protected spaces](#). This will help you understand how to keep people safe when an incident is taking place and how you might communicate it.

Within your planning ensure your organisations key security people understand how to work with the emergency services. All emergency services use the [Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles](#) (JESIP), a common language of processes that seek clear shared situational awareness and understanding of risk and threats when responding to crisis situations. Historically, this was just for the emergency services – but recent post incident learning has shown the organisation(s) at the site of an incident are absolutely key to its safe resolution.

3. Support to help rehearse your plans when responding to an incident.

Rehearse and validate your plans to make sure they work and are effective. '**ACT in a Box**' is a free resource available to organisations to be able to rehearse and explore their response to an incident as a group in a safe-to-fail environment. These exercises help to bring response plans to life by allowing those responsible to reflect on their own venue and work through how they

would respond together to specific situations including dealing with a suspicious item or a marauding attack. Access our [interactive tools here](#).

Consider Protection Measures to reduce vulnerabilities at your site.

It is important for larger sites to consider and assess the vulnerabilities to terrorist incidents that exist at their site and where possible implement protection measures that mitigate against those vulnerabilities. This will increase the protection and reduce the vulnerability of your site against acts of terrorism. To support you in conducting that assessment we have provided guidance at the links below:

1. Conduct a Terrorism Risk Management Process

If you need to carry out a terrorism risk assessment ProtectUK provides a free and complete risk management process for use. Visit [risk assessment](#) for step-by-step guidance to help you carry out these assessments and identify control measures you may consider adopting.

2. Good crime prevention provisions can also support your protection from terrorism.

To help those in a position of responsibility, additional free guidance is available to help them consider and adopt measures that will keep your facilities safer from both crime and terrorism. Visit the [crime prevention toolkit](#) for further information.

3. Consider additional temporary measures in times of increased risk.

For periods where it may be prudent to have additional contingencies available in the event of increased risk, there is also the [Menu of Stakeholder Tactical Options](#).

Provide counter terrorism awareness and training for all staff.

1. Increase your awareness with e-Learning.

Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) and See Check and Notify (SCaN) are two free awareness products that aim to equip staff and volunteers with a level of counter terrorism understanding.

Visit [ACT e-Learning](#) - this module highlights best practice to help counter terrorism and increase security awareness,

Visit [SCaN for all](#) - this module is designed to increase awareness of hostile reconnaissance and suspicious behaviour and how to counter it.

2. Increase your vigilance and security minded profile.

To help foster a more inclusive security culture ProtectUK offers free vigilance and communication campaigns complete with toolkits for you to adapt and use. These will encourage people to stay alert, keep each other safe and help demonstrate a strong security culture across your site. They are a powerful way of using communications to enhance your approach to safety and security. Visit [vigilance and communication campaigns](#) for these assets.

There is a wealth of additional guidance to support your efforts that can be found across the ProtectUK and NPSA (www.npsa.gov.uk) websites.

We would encourage you to adopt the processes above now using the guidance available to better prepare your readiness for any future requirements.

Finally, there will be further, more specific, guidance and resources made available once the legislation is agreed and finalised.