



Safe and Protect Kirklees

Keeping Kirklees 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 ProtectUK, where you can also subscribe to update emails. To access this advice and sign up to these emails visit: <https://www.protectuk.police.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 Kirklees can be obtained here: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/crime-and-safety.aspx> and from West Yorkshire Police, here: <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/advice>

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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Cyber Security

Many organisations and businesses rely on computer systems to carry out their day-to-day functions. As a result, businesses can become vulnerable to cyber-attacks.

The consequences of such attacks can be significant to organisations. It can lead to:

- Damage to reputation
- Damage to assets
- Regulatory fines
- Infringement of sensitive/personal data

Cyber-attacks against UK businesses take several forms and vary significantly in scale and complexity. Ransomware is currently the most significant cyber threat facing the UK.

Definition: *Ransomware is a form of malicious software that freezes or takes control of the victim's data, with control only being released back to the victim once they have paid the attacker a nominal "ransom" fee.*

A study highlighted in the Government's Cyber Security Survey (2022) found that 39% of UK businesses had suffered from a cyber-attack, with the most common methodology being phishing attempts.

Definition: *Phishing is a method whereby attackers attempt to trick users into doing 'the wrong thing', such as clicking a link that will unknowingly download malware. Although commonly associated with email, this method can be utilised by other means such as text message or social media.*

Counter Terrorism Policing assess that terrorist cyber activity against the UK is broadly limited to social media and website defacement due to the lack of knowledge and technical skills to conduct large disruptive cyber-attacks.

Cyber security is therefore essential. Cyber security is how individuals and organisations reduce the risk of becoming victims of a cyber-attack. Below are some resources to help you to do just that.

Resources:

- [Early Warning - NCSC.GOV.UK](#): Early Warning is a **free** NCSC service designed to inform your organisation of potential cyber-attacks on your network, as soon as possible.
- [Exercise in a Box - NCSC.GOV.UK](#): Exercise in a Box is an online tool from the NCSC which helps organisations test and practise their response to a cyber-attack. It is **free** and you don't have to be an expert to use it.
- [Police CyberAlarm](#): This is an award-winning **free** tool, provided by your local police force, to help your organisation monitor and report the suspicious cyber activity it faces.
- [Free Cyber Action Plan](#): Answer a few simple questions to get a **free** personalised action plan that lists what you or your organisation can do right now to protect against cyber-attack.
- [Check your cyber security](#): This **free** government service for UK organisations performs a range of simple online checks to identify common vulnerabilities in your public-facing IT. All checks are remote, without the need to install software.
- [Cyber Advisor Scheme from the NCSC](#): The Scheme provides small and medium sized organisations with reliable and cost-effective cyber security advice and practical support.

Further cyber security advice can be obtained via the [National Cyber Security Centre](#) (NCSC).

Opportunist Warning

The draft Martyn's Law has now been released ([available here](#)), and further work is ongoing behind the scenes to prepare for its formal release in final version. This has seen a number of opportunists begin to offer assistance, advice and guidance on Martyn's Law, targeting those that may fall into the scope of the legislation via numerous communication channels and on social media.

The fact remains that everything at the moment is undecided and those wishing to take advantage of the concerns of businesses and organisations are speculating what may or may not eventually appear in the final version of Martyn's Law. There are currently no endorsed products from third party providers around Martyn's Law. Therefore, it is advised that local business and community organisations/groups shouldn't engage with opportunists until the final version of Martyn's Law is released and if/when authorised third party providers / products are confirmed.

All up to date advice on the upcoming law and official assistance, advice or guidance materials / routes for support can be found at <https://www.protectuk.police.uk/>.

Trauma First Aid Kits Update

Following on from the previous newsletter, we are pleased to announce that under the monies won in the Mayoral bid, we have managed to secure an extra 5 Trauma First Aid Kits to locate within our communities, giving us a new total of 25 kits. These are now being delivered to identified locations across Kirklees. Locations of these will be promoted at a later date once the kits are fully distributed and accepted by identified sites.

Action Request: *If you hold or are aware of any locations of First Aid Trauma kits already present within your communities, please email laura.drew@kirklees.gov.uk with their location so that we can record and map them as appropriate. This will help us maintain a Kirklees wide overview of locations / spread of these kits and ensure relevant information can be communicated to these sites.*

Draft Guidance for Standard Tier Locations

Draft guidance is now available for sites meeting the standard tier definition (100-799 capacity, more guidance on tier definitions can be found on [ProtectUK](#)) under Martyn's Law. This draft guidance comes in 2 parts:

- [Standard Terrorism Evaluation](#)
- [Standard Terrorism Evaluation Guidance](#)

This draft guidance gives an insight into what will be required of standard tier sites, and it is encouraged that sites meeting the standard tier definition under Martyn's Law make themselves aware of the guidance and begin considering it in relation to their sites. In summary, considerations should, as a minimum, be around:

- Understand the threat of terrorism i.e., Be aware of the [current threat level](#), [current threat methodologies](#), and how terrorism may affect your site (this could include undertaking training, more details on this can be found further in this newsletter).
- Put a plan in place with consideration to 6 key areas:
 1. *Plan to warn people on the premises that an attack is taking place*
 2. *Plan to lockdown your premises (guidance can be found on [ProtectUK](#))*
 3. *Plan to evacuate your premises (guidance can be found on [ProtectUK](#))*
 4. *Plan to call the emergency services and relay the necessary information*
 5. *Use available first aid and fire safety equipment*
 6. *Consider how you can make your neighbours or local network aware of your plan and alert them of an attack*
- Ensure the plan(s) put in place are kept up to date, reviewed, shared with others as appropriate, and tested.

Training and Awareness

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

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

For more details visit: <https://www.counterterrorism.police.uk/adviceforbusinesses/>

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

Reporting 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:

emergency.planning@kirklees.gov.uk

E-bulletin Distribution and Sign-ups

Please note, as this is a new circulation, you will receive this in the initial instances via other mailing lists you are signed up to. As we make the transition to building up a stand alone distribution list for this e-bulletin. Please can you email your details direct to laura.drew@kirklees.gov.uk to ensure you are added to the stand alone circulation list going forward for when the transition is made to our very own sing-up list. Your details will not be shared any further and will only be used for the purposes of circulation of the Safe and Protect Kirklees e-bulletin.

Next Edition

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