

Police Personnel Threat Level Increase to Severe

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The terror threat level specific to police personnel working in the UK has increased to Severe. This means that an attack on police service personnel is highly likely.

 In a new message to all Police Scotland officers and staff, Deputy Chief Constable Iain Livingstone said it was imperative that all personnel familiarise themselves with safety advice and adhere to those measures.

Further detailed guidance and advice has been published to minimise risk and mitigate potential threats.

He said: "The threat level regarding personnel who work for the police service in the UK has increased from Substantial to Severe.

"This means that an attack focused on the police service is assessed as highly likely.

"The overall threat level to the UK from International Terrorism remains at Severe.

"The purpose of this message is to raise awareness of the threat level increase but also of the precautions all personnel must take to keep themselves and colleagues safe.

"There is no intelligence to suggest a specific or direct threat to Police Scotland personnel.

Our officers and staff are used to confronting risk and danger, and are well-trained in how to protect themselves and the public.

"However I wish to remind all officers and staff in the strongest possible terms, that they should take sensible and proportionate steps in relation to their own personal safety and maintain a heightened awareness of the safety of colleagues.

A further aide memoire - [Terrorism A Safe Response](#) – is also available and should be read by all officers and staff.