

Dear Community Members,

As you will be aware, the Metropolitan Police have confirmed that a terrorist attack took place on Friday 15th September on a train at Parsons Green Tube Station in London. My thoughts, and those of Northamptonshire Police officers and staff, are with London and those who have been affected by this tragic event.

The UK threat level has been raised to critical, which means an attack is imminent – that is the assessment which Northamptonshire Police are prepared for. I would like to reassure the communities of Northamptonshire that we have been preparing for such a tragic incident that has now become a reality. Within Northamptonshire we are providing additional high-visibility patrols are now in place at key locations across the county.

Your safety

We need your help and support to keep communities in Northamptonshire safe. You know your neighbourhood and/or workplace and are best placed to recognise something that is out of place. We ask you to remain vigilant, trust your instincts and report activity that seems suspicious to the police.

It may be nothing, but if you see or hear anything that could be terrorist-related trust your instincts and call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789 321. In an emergency please call Northamptonshire Police on 999.

Reporting hate crime or incidents

In the UK, there has been an increase in hate crime following previous terrorist attacks in other countries. Northamptonshire Police treat any report of hate crime seriously. Abuse or violence because of who you are, whether physical or verbal, is a criminal offence. In no way is it right for someone to be threatened, abused, assaulted or targeted in any way because of someone else's prejudice.

If you have been attacked, threatened or have suffered physical or verbal abuse because of who you are, or have witnessed a hate crime or incident take place, please report it to Northamptonshire Police on 101 or via the online reporting site True Vision (www.report-it.org.uk). You can also report incidents to your local council or reporting centres available in Northamptonshire, or Crime stoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. The full list of reporting centres is attached to this e mail.

If we can be of further support to you or your community, please contact your local Safer Community Teams or Community Engagement Team, DC Rachel Packman (rachel.packman@northants.pnn.police.uk) and PC Christian Buckenham (christian.buckenham@northants.pnn.police.uk) or call 101.

Yours sincerely,

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Kind regards,

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