

## **Be alert, not alarmed – Our message following yesterday's terror incident**

Our deepest sympathies go out to all those affected by the tragic events in Westminster, to the family of PC Keith Palmer and those who lost their lives.

The safety of the public remains our top priority and I want to reassure the people of Hull, East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire that we are reviewing all security in light of yesterday's incident.

There is no specific information suggesting an imminent threat to our area at this time and there has been no change to the current threat level for international terrorism in the UK which remains at Severe meaning 'an attack is highly likely'. We are reviewing the deployment of our officers and taking all possible steps to keep people safe and to minimise the risk of a terrorist attack occurring.

The public will see an enhanced policing presence across Humberside as the UK police together with security and intelligence services are working around the clock to help keep communities safe. This will include increased visibility of uniformed officers.

Above all, we urge people to be alert but not alarmed – we hope that the increased police presence across the area reassures the public that the police service and our partners

are doing everything we can to help protect the security of our citizens, public institutions, critical national infrastructure and businesses.

It is also incredibly important at times like this that communities come together and support each other.

Should anyone have any concerns or see anything suspicious I would urge them to report it immediately to the Confidential Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789321. In an emergency always dial 999.

The easy-to-remember national guidance of Run, Hide, Tell, explains what people should do if they are confronted by terrorists.

First 'Run' to a place of safety. This is a far better option than trying to surrender or negotiate. If there is nowhere to run then 'hide'. It is better to hide than confront. Remember to turn your phone to silent and turn off vibrate. Barricade yourself in if you can. Then, finally, and only when it is safe to do so, 'tell' by calling police on 999".

Andy McDyer

Assistant Chief Constable

Humberside Police