

Introduction

Welcome to the second edition of the North Yorkshire Protect and Prepare newsletter. This quarterly update shares key national and local developments, guidance and activity supporting counter-terrorism preparedness across the county.

As we move into spring, activity across North Yorkshire begins to increase. Visitor numbers rise, events planning accelerates, and preparations begin for the busy summer season. From our coastline and market towns to national parks and major venues, this is a critical period for vigilance and forward planning.

By continuing to work together with partners, businesses, event organisers and communities, we can ensure North Yorkshire remains a safe place to live, work and visit.



National Threat Level

The Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) on 30/04/2026 made the decision to raise the UK National Threat Level from all forms of terrorism to the UK from SUBSTANTIAL to SEVERE: an attack is highly likely.

This has been driven by the spate of attacks against the Jewish community.

The announcement made by the Home Secretary regarding the threat level change can be found here: [Threat level increase following antisemitic terror attack - GOV.UK](#).

Given the increase in threat level, it is advisable that organisations review their business continuity and crisis management planning. Also consider staff briefings for awareness of the change in threat level and to encourage increased vigilance.

We will continue to share relevant information and updates.

Learn more: [Threat Levels | MI5 - The Security Service](#)

Martyn's Law – New National Guidance Published

This week saw two important developments relating to the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Act 2025 (Martyn's Law).

Home Office Section 27 Statutory Guidance

The Home Office has published the Section 27 statutory guidance, setting out how the Act's requirements should be understood and applied in practice. The guidance reinforces the government's intention that organisations can comply without needing to purchase specialist security services, and focuses on proportionate, risk-based measures.

The guidance explains:

- Which premises and events are in scope
- Who holds responsibility under the Act
- What legal duties apply to standard and enhanced tier sites
- How compliance is expected to work in practice

To support understanding, the Home Office has also released three non-statutory supporting documents covering:

- How to assess expected numbers of people
- Illustrative examples of premises and events in scope
- Further resources and learning opportunities

SIA Section 12 Guidance – Public Consultation

Alongside this, the Security Industry Authority (SIA) has launched a public consultation on its draft Section 12 guidance. This will set out how the SIA intends to carry out its regulatory role once the Act comes into force.

Together, these publications represent a significant step towards implementation and provide clarity for organisations beginning their preparations.

The consultation is open until 12 June 2026.

Full guidance and supporting documents: [The Terrorism \(Protection of Premises\) Act 2025 - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/martyns-law-draft-section-12-statutory-guidance)
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What does Martyn's law mean for education settings?

Early years, primary, secondary and further education settings have a special consideration in place. This means they will be in the standard tier, even if they expect 800 or more individuals to

be present. Enhanced duty requirements will not apply to premises used for early years, primary, secondary or further education.

What Schools must do to comply with the act:

- Identify if you are in scope
- Appoint a responsible person
- Register with the Regulator (SIA)
- Put 'reasonable & practicable' measures in place.
- No requirement for major physical changes—focus is on low-cost, practical procedures: Evacuation – Invacuation – Lockdown
- Communication
- Conduct and Review Risk Assessments (Annually)

For more information click [How Martyn's Law will affect education settings - GOV.UK](#)

NPSA - Guidance on insider threat

The National Protective Security Authority (NPSA) has published new guidance to help organisations understand and manage insider risk.

While people are an organisation's greatest asset, insider threats can present security challenges if not addressed appropriately. The guidance supports organisations in developing proportionate insider-risk programmes alongside existing physical and cyber security measures.

[Insider Risk Guidance | Specialised Guidance | NPSA](#)

Guide Shelter Report: New Security Guidance for Businesses

Counter Terrorism Policing has launched the Guide Shelter Report (GSR) guidance, supported by a national campaign.



GSR is workplace-focused guidance designed to support staff during a terrorist incident.

Guide – Shelter – Report

- Guide people away from danger
- Shelter people to keep them safe
- Report to police by calling 999

GSR can be incorporated into existing incident response and emergency plans across a wide range of sectors.

Why It Matters: GSR supports both emergency planning and high-pressure, real-time decision-making. It helps businesses prepare their teams to act confidently and responsibly should the worst happen.

Find Out More: [Guide Shelter Report | ProtectUK](#)

New Counter Terrorism qualification launches

A new Ofqual-regulated Level 3 Award in Counter Terrorism Protective Security and Preparedness has launched.

Why it matters:

- Designed for those responsible for public safety and resilience
- Focuses on practical skills in protective security and preparedness
- Endorsed by Counter Terrorism Policing
- Training already underway across the UK

Find out more: Counter Terrorism Policing [News](#)

Counter Terrorism seasonal Campaign

This summer will see millions of people across the UK enjoying themselves at major events such as music festivals, sporting events, bank holidays and Pride. To help keep people safe CTP have launched their Summer Campaign Toolkit. For more information visit [Summer Campaign Digital Toolkit | ProtectUK](#)

Government Funding Schemes / Opportunities

Funding to improve security at mosques and Muslim community centres.

[Home Office's Protective Security for Mosques Scheme - GOV.UK](#) : Applications open

Funding for synagogues and Jewish community organisations.

[Home Office's Jewish Community Protective Security Grant - GOV.UK](#) : Applications open

Faith Security Training (FST): Free Home Office-funded training supporting faith communities.

<https://email.cdsds.uk/en-gb/faith-security-training>

North Yorkshire in practice

North Yorkshire Council Strategic Protect and Prepare Group

On 30 March 2026, North Yorkshire Council's Strategic Protect and Prepare Group hosted an ACT for Local Authorities workshop.

The session:

- Highlighted existing good practice across council services
- Identified shared priorities for the next 12–18 months
- Strengthened coordinated planning and preparedness

For more information contact SaferNorthYorkshire@northyorks.gov.uk

North Yorkshire Council Safety Advisory Group

The Event Safety Advisory Group (SAG) gives event organisers the opportunity to submit their event plans to be reviewed by various partner agencies (including blue light services and relevant teams within the council). The aim is to help organisers and where relevant provide feedback to help align to best practice to help ensure delivery of a safe event.

We encourage all event organisers hosting outdoor events across North Yorkshire to engage with the Event Safety Advisory Group.

You can do this by visiting our webpage, which also contains helpful links for event organisers:

[Planning an event | North Yorkshire Council](#)

To notify the SAG of an event and get advice please submit the following form:

[Notify safety advisory group of an event and get advice - Before you start - NYC](#)

Local Case Study: Skipton High Street Events

*Jenny Dean – Deputy Clerk, Tobias Garbutt – Event Supervisor,
Louise Close – CO, Stacey Hepworth – Market Officer*

Following counter-terrorism training and engagement with a Counter Terrorism Security Advisor, Skipton Town Council reviewed its approach to event safety.

Key outcomes:

- Recognition that traditional road closures alone were insufficient
- Site-specific security advice provided



- Hostile Vehicle Mitigation (HVM) installed at key access points
- Increased confidence in safeguarding future events

This case highlights the value of early engagement, proportionate investment, and partnership working.

Project Servator & SCaN: North Yorkshire Police Update



North Yorkshire Police continue to deploy Project Servator, supported by See, Check and Notify (SCaN) training.

- Highly visible, unpredictable deployments across key locations
- Strong partnership working with businesses and communities
- SCaN training rolling out to increase staff confidence and vigilance

Together, Servator and SCaN strengthen protective security beyond policing alone.

Recent Training Highlights

- Scarborough Open Air Theatre tabletop exercise – over 50 partners attended, strengthening planning ahead of the 2026 season
- Harrogate Business Training Day (24 Feb 2026) – sessions on hate crime, Martyn’s Law, SCaN and bleed kit use
- SCaN session in Tadcaster – 17 attendees from local businesses; further training planned for May

To register your interest contact

SaferNorthYorkshire@northyorks.gov.uk



Up and coming training and Awareness

Antisemitism and Extremism in 2025/26 Online Webinar

Several sessions will be delivered by Community Security Trust, a charity that protects British Jews from antisemitism and related threats over the next 12 months.

The sessions aim to address the following topics:



- the origins and history of antisemitism, and how it presents in both extremist spaces and in everyday society
- the current trends of antisemitism in the UK and incident figures reported on by CST

Register via Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/antisemitism-and-extremism-in-202526-tickets-1984135595979?aff=oddttdcreator>

Free ACT & SCan Training

Available to businesses and community groups:

- Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) <https://www.protectuk.police.uk/group/84>
 - See, Check and Notify (SCAN) Training For more details visit Counter Terrorism Police - Advice for Businesses Awareness Campaign: <https://www.npsa.gov.uk/see-check-and-notify-scan>
 - Training to help staff identify and respond to suspicious behaviour and hostile reconnaissance. [Free Training Resources Overview](#)
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Martyns Law training offer - Adult Learning North Yorkshire

Free two-hour awareness sessions:

- On-site, online or hybrid delivery
- Multiple scheduled sessions between April–May

We've already delivered sessions to organisations across the county, and the feedback has been fantastic;

“I was a little worried about what I needed to do to prepare for Martyn’s Law, but Karen made it so straightforward and I feel so much more prepared.”

Book online [here](#) or request a bespoke session

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Reporting Concerns Terrorism - If something doesn't feel right, please report it.

Non-urgent: Anti-Terrorist Hotline – **0800 789 321**

Immediate threat: Call **999**

Other concerns: Call **101**

Contacts

For any queries or issues please email: SaferNorthYorkshire@northyorks.gov.uk Counter Terrorism Security Advisors: ctsa@ctpne.police.uk

Copies of this newsletter may be shared widely within your organisation

Useful Resources:

- Counter Terrorism Policing and its partners offer relevant protective security guidance, training and advice for business, local authorities, places of worship and other sectors on [ProtectUK | Home](#), and the [National Protective Security Authority | NPSA](#) website.
- A free [E-Learning | ProtectUK](#) awareness package is available to businesses and individuals to increase their understanding the importance of counter terrorism security in the workplace, venues and public spaces.