

Current *Prevent* Activity and the MPS

1. There is already a considerable amount of *Prevent* activity in London and many of the fundamental building blocks required for *Prevent* are already in place in the MPS.
2. Because of London's history (as a target for terrorist crime, a place where some terrorists and violent extremists have lived and as the national centre for the agencies fighting terrorism) and London's demographics there is a relatively high awareness of the threat of terrorism and the need to work on *Prevent*. This is well understood within the MPS and the MPA, in other elements of London government and local government and importantly within in communities.
3. Since the Stephen Lawrence Enquiry the MPS (and MPA) have invested heavily in community engagement at every level and, in particular, with minority communities. Sophisticated mechanisms now exist for involving the public in every aspect of our work. As an example the MPS has 30 counter-terrorism grant funded posts in the Communities Together Strategic Engagement Team (CTSET). These staff provide MPS cross business group guidance for community engagement, developing links with new and hard to engage groups, as well as supporting consequence management during critical events. The MPS has strong networks of independent and community advisors and a history of working effectively with minority staff associations, including the National Association of Muslim Police (NAMP).
4. Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs) are well established in every ward in London and we anticipate an increasing role for them in *Prevent*.
5. Countering terrorism is increasingly seen not as the exclusive territory of specialist officers but at the heart of the workings of all business groups.
6. The MPS has long established counter-terrorism operations on boroughs (eg. Rainbow) and every borough has an identified Counter-Terrorism Intelligence Officer (CTIO), a Counter-Terrorism Focus Desk and a nominated Superintendent lead for counter-terrorism issues. It is fair to say that, to date, these roles have mainly been focused on *Pursue*, *Protect* and *Prepare* rather than *Prevent*. However, the role holders are in a good position to take on and coordinate more *Prevent* related activity.
7. The MPS implemented Operation Delphinus 18 months ago and is currently rolling out a second phase. We are already engaged in a wide range of multi-agency and community exercises and awareness raising events, such as Operation Nicole, Operation Griffin and Project Argus. These create a firm basis and environment to build upon in support of the *Prevent* agenda.
8. We are engaged in a number of *Prevent* projects and work in partnership with other on various PVE funded programmes.