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## **Local Authority Prevent incident response and activity monitor**

**Version 1 – 19/06/2017 – 12.00**

### **Overview:**

Following today's attack on Seven Sisters Road, monitoring of tensions, concerns, and engagement by Prevent teams across the London Network has been activated. Prevent practitioners are liaising with Police and London Resilience colleagues, community partners, and faith institutions. Open communication will allow the network to co-ordinate our response, share information, and issue messages of reassurance to community members. Community members have been encouraged to feedback any concerns and community tensions to ensure policing and local authority responses are proportionate and tailored to reflect local need. The below information provides a summary and breakdown of responses and actions taken by Prevent teams, the local authorities, and police colleagues.

### **Summary:**

Monday 19 June 2017, shortly before 00:20, a van drove into a group of worshippers on the pavement outside the Muslim Welfare House on Seven Sisters Road. Police and emergency services were called on site and it has been confirmed that a man has been arrested. At the time of writing, one fatality has been confirmed. The Home Secretary subsequently issued a statement in which she confirmed that the attack is being treated "as a terrorist incident".

### **Overall assessment:**

Further information is being awaited from local partners and the picture will become clearer as further updates are received. While no incidents have yet been reported in the wake of the attack, heightened concerns by the Muslim community have been noted across a number of boroughs. Reassurance messaging and calls for concerns to be shared and reported have been undertaken by Prevent and Police colleagues across a number of boroughs. Engagement with local community and faith groups is also ongoing throughout several London boroughs. Communication with statutory partners, and especially within the education sector, is also ongoing.

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## LA Community Engagement: Strategic Aim and Objectives

The following generic aim and objectives offer initial direction and purpose to Prevent Coordinators when supporting the response to a relevant incident both locally and at a Pan London level. This should be constantly reviewed at local and Pan-London meetings to ensure it accurately reflects Local Authority needs.

### Strategic Aim:

To offer effective support to LLAG and multi-agency partners to minimise the impact of potential or actual increased community tensions affecting London

### Strategic Objectives:

1. To establish effective engagement with partners and the community within London
2. To forge a joined up working approach with MPS
3. To ensure consistent situational awareness
4. To identify mitigating actions to be undertaken by Local Authorities
5. To ensure effective monitoring of the developing situation and timely sharing of information

### Generic Action Plan List

#### Short Term [Length of time dependent on incident]

- Boroughs and Police to continue to monitor tensions and assessing local and London wide sentiment.
- Prevent coordinators and MPS Bronze Engagement to continue to engage and share info and coordination. Bronze to provide guidance
- MPS Bronze Engagement to keep in close touch with Borough Commanders
- Ensure Prevent is incorporated into borough level discussions on the incident
- MPS MCU/CT-SET to continue dialogue with faith and community institutions and continue to contact extreme groups to gauge their reactions and plans
- Continue reassurance messaging and briefings to Members, established partners (e.g. schools) and the community to include practical advice and the need to encourage the reporting of crime
- Increased Police patrols in identified vulnerable areas
- Staff briefings and increased awareness to increase staff resilience and continuity of borough services
- Any arrests in a particular borough will be notified to Prevent personnel via Borough Commanders

#### Longer Term [Length of time dependent on incident]

- Statements of condemnation to continue to be issued from various sources
- Higher education Prevent coordinators to continue to engage education establishments including higher institutions and universities
- Social Media monitoring to continue by both MPS and Boroughs
- Community reassurance meetings to be held as required based on local assessment
- Adjustment to Borough prevent projects and interventions due to increase demand

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Borough	Tensions and Concerns	Pro-active Engagement
<b>Barking and Dagenham</b> (insert)		
<b>Barnet</b> (Matt Leng)	19/06/2017 10:32 - There have been no reports or incidents reported so far in Barnet. We will submit a daily return for 1600 hrs unless we have an exception report as we did for the last reporting process.	
<b>Bexley</b> (Emma Leathers)		
<b>Brent</b> (Kibibi Octave)		
<b>Bromley</b> (Rob Vale)	19/06/2017 11:38 - Local police have reported no issues at this time.	19/06/2017 11:38 - A minutes silence was observed today at 11:00am to respect and remember everyone affected by the fire at Grenfell Tower in west London.  11:38 - Local ward officers will be visiting Mosques in the borough to reassure those communities, although this will be done in a way so as not but not to raise concern. Prevent officers are linking in with Imams and sending out reassurance messages throughout the day.
<b>Camden</b> (Manisha Bhikha)	19/06/2017 11:31 - There are no reports of any direct impact from the incident at Finsbury Park in Camden at present. Clearly we're conscious that this happened in a neighbouring borough and will be offering support to colleagues in Islington and our communities accordingly.	19/06/2017 11:31 - A message of reassurance has been sent to community groups from the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Cohesion, Equalities & Community Safety.  11:31 - We are also contacting faith and community based groups this morning to offer reassurance and to ask if there is any support they would like at specific locations in terms of a Council presence. Our patrol and CCTV resources have been stood up accordingly and we will consider additional resources as required.



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		11:31 - Messages around the importance of monitoring issues around community tensions and hate crimes have been sent to our Street Presence officers.
<b>City of London</b> (David MacKintosh)		19/06/2017 11:44 - City of London Police are providing enhanced patrols on our estates (planned to continue for the week).  11:44 - Housing providers have been asked to monitor any issues or concerns from residents.  11:44 - Minutes silence observed at Guildhall by City of London Police and Corporation staff.
<b>Croydon</b> (Carl Parker)		
<b>Ealing</b> (Nazia Matin)	19/06/2017 11:58 - Muslim leaders are shocked and have expressed increased anxiety around reprisal attacks following recent terrorist incidents in Manchester and London Bridge.  11:58 - They see this as terrorist incident and should be treated as such to demonstrate consistency in line with other terrorist incidents involving similar activity.  11:58 - Mosques feel vulnerable and are requesting police reassurance patrols at key prayer times from today.  11:58 - Local mosques – Bilal Mosque in Greenford and West London Islamic Centre in West Ealing are planning additional prayers for the victims and families as well as providing reassurance messages to congregations around vigilance and reporting suspicious activity or hate crimes to the police.  11:58 - West London Islamic Centre – UKIM has reported that they have links to the Muslim Welfare House in Islington and have worked on charity	19/06/2017 11:58 - Briefings being prepared for elected members and senior council staff.  11:58 - One minute silence held at 11am for the victims and families of Grenfell and the Leader of the Council Julian Bell also stated that his thoughts are with those caught up in the Islington incident.  11:58 - Communications activity – includes contacting all local mosques and Muslim based community centres as well as wider faith and civil society groups to provide messages of reassurance.  11:58 - Advice has been circulated to schools re: monitoring sentiment and reporting hate crimes  11:58 - Prevent referral advice is being targeted to key Council departments to manage a potential of increase of referral activity.

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	<p>events as they are both members of MCB.</p> <p>11:58 - West London Islamic Centre have also placed a message in response to the incident on their facebook page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/westlondonislamiccentre">https://www.facebook.com/westlondonislamiccentre</a></p> <p>11:58 - Bilal Mosque are planning on drafting a response on their website.</p>	
<p><b>Enfield</b> (Sujeevan Ponnampalam)</p>	<p>19/06/2017</p> <p>11:59 - There have been no incidents reported locally.</p> <p>11:59 - A number of local faith organisations have shown solidarity by posting &amp; repeating messages of unity with the Muslim community and all communities of London <a href="https://twitter.com/c_of_e/status/876706049033728000">https://twitter.com/c_of_e/status/876706049033728000</a></p>	<p>19/06/2017</p> <p>11:59 - Enfield council's official twitter account has posted a comment from Enfield Council leader Cllr Doug Taylor on last night's events using the hashtag #WeStandTogether <a href="https://twitter.com/EnfieldCouncil/status/876747387015921664">https://twitter.com/EnfieldCouncil/status/876747387015921664</a></p> <p>11:59 - The council also retweeted a message from the Home Office regarding the Finsbury Park attack and the support for people affected. <a href="https://twitter.com/ukhomeoffice/status/876732912070270976">https://twitter.com/ukhomeoffice/status/876732912070270976</a></p> <p>11:59 - The Prevent coordinator made contact with number of local mosques to better understand their feelings and a number of the Imams have mentioned the importance of the last 10 nights of Ramadan. One of the mosques have publically thanked the police for checking up on them following last night's incident. <a href="https://twitter.com/enfieldmosque/status/876607532411883522">https://twitter.com/enfieldmosque/status/876607532411883522</a></p>
<p><b>Royal Borough of Greenwich</b> (Adam Browne)</p>		
<p><b>Haringey</b> (Christina Andrew)</p>	<p>19/06/2017</p> <p>11:11 - Some mosque representatives are keen to arrange a multi-faith meeting / event to show solidarity across faiths.</p>	<p>19/06/2017</p> <p>11:11 - We have a Gold Group meeting at 12pm today.</p>



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	<p>11:11 - A sense of anxiety has been noted, with one mosque feeding back that some people have kept their children at home from school today, and some women have been reluctant to wear clothing that might identify them as being Muslim. They also noted the trust they have in police to keep communities safe and the importance of letting the MET conduct their investigation into the attack. Another mosque had noted frustration with some media reporting feeling biased.</p>	<p>11:11 - I have made contact with most Mosques via phone and an email will be circulated to the wider group.</p> <p>11:11 - The Cabinet Member for Communities will be visiting Wightman Road Mosque to speak with the congregation this afternoon at 1.30pm.</p>
<p><b>Hackney</b> (Tracey Thomas)</p>		<p>19/06/2017</p> <p>11:29 - The Council will be deploying it's uniformed Enforcement Officers to provide a visible presence around Mosques and Muslim community centres and will also be tasking our CCTV operators to monitor the vicinity of such premises, where CCTV cameras have sight. Our CCTV Control room has direct radio contact with the police should that be necessary.</p> <p>11:29 - I know the police will put in place a range of measures and we will of course do all we can to support them. If you could pass this message on as you feel appropriate I would be grateful and Tracey and Lisa-Raine will be in contact during the day.</p> <p>11:29 - I'm also in the process of forwarding our third party hate crime reporting contact details, namely CATCH, Stop Hate UK and TELL MAMA to key contacts by way of a reminder to report any hate crime incidents.</p>
<p><b>Harrow</b> (Samia Malik)</p>	<p>19/06/2017</p> <p>12:06 – E-mail from Harrow Central Mosque to the Borough Commander, Simon Ovens, requesting police protection from 20.30 to 01.30 during the next six remaining days of Ramadan. They have also identified that the 'biggest night' of Ramadan will be on Wednesday 22nd June where they are expecting double numbers and are urging for support on this night.</p>	<p>19/06/2017</p> <p>12:06 - Statement sent to all staff from the Chief Executive condemning hate crime and urging unity: "Dear all, Following last week's tragedy at Grenfell Tower, Kensington, a minute's silence will be observed today at 11am as a mark of respect for the victims, their families and those recovering in hospital. Our thoughts are with them, and with all those whose lives have been transformed by the disaster. Many colleagues are</p>

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	<p>12:06 - E mail from Stanmore Mosque to Harrow police and Harrow Council stating that 'In light of recent incidents, particularly at Finsbury Park mosque last night, we are extremely worried about safety &amp; security around the centre. We are entering the last week of Ramadhan, which is incredibly busy for us. We are fearful of an incident, particularly given the size of our centre and prominence of our daily events. Is there any guidance or best practices you would recommend for us? Would it also be possible to explore some police presence or assistance during the evening programmes?</p>	<p>lending their help and resources to Kensington at this time, and we thank them for that.</p> <p>Furthermore, this morning London suffered another serious hate incident, outside Finsbury Park Mosque in Islington. As a Council and a borough we all stand together to condemn hate crime in all its forms – these acts of violence aim to divide us, but they can never succeed.”</p> <p>12:06 - The Police have visited all of the local mosques this morning – in some instances they have spoken to security staff, admin officers or members of the congregation present. They have outlined the measures being put in place in Harrow (as below).</p> <p>12:06 - Harrow police are increasing and uplifting local patrols to all of the mosques. They are introducing a dedicated vehicle from 8pm to 1am (with two officers). This will run from today, Monday 19th June, to Saturday 24th June and will be dedicated to solely patrolling all of the local mosques.</p> <p>12:06 - The Council is considering whether a Community Leaders meeting should be arranged.</p>
<b>Havering</b> (Jess Finnin)	<p>19/06/2017 11:30 – No incidents to report.</p>	<p>19/06/17 11:30 - The London Borough of Havering social media accounts will reassure the community and will share/retweet any official guidance from MPS accounts on what to do in case of an incident.</p>
<b>HE/FE</b> (Erin MacGalloway)		
<b>Hillingdon</b> (Fiona Gibbs)	<p>19/06/2017 11:11 - Nothing of concern to report so far.</p>	<p>19/06/2017 11:11 - Have liaised with local partners and communities this morning, to report and share any concerns. Liasing with local police who will be carrying out reassurance patrols and contacting local mosques and faith groups</p>
<b>Hounslow</b> (Najeeb Ahmed)		



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<p><b>Islington</b> (Beverley Thomas)</p>	<p>19/06/2017 10:24 - Dazed, shock, dismay – utter disbelief from the community.</p> <p>10:24 - People are gathering in numbers outside the cordon of the Mosque this morning.</p> <p>10:24 - Eyewitness reports say there were 3 men involved in the attack – 2 ran away 1 was caught and was beaten by the crowd –rescued by the Iman and held until police arrived.</p> <p>10:24 - Community have reported 1 fatality, among the critical is a young boy – 10 or 11 year old</p> <p>10:24 - Reports of shocking twitter reports – toxic and inflammatory</p> <p>10:24 - Locals report feelings of not feeling safe and fears of reprisals or more of the same</p> <p>10:24 - Young people are outraged by the constant barrage of events – not just YOS people but university and college students are feeling unfairly judged and treated.</p> <p>10:24 - Ripe for ‘radicalisation’ or other negative narratives. ‘us and them mentality gaining momentum.</p> <p>10:24 - Concern that this will turn out to not be a terrorist incident – as it is not Muslim led and be just another person with mental ill-health</p> <p>10:24 - Daily Mirror online reported negatively that the incident involved ‘extremist Mosque – very negative in connotation. Later changed – they thought it was Finsbury Park Mosque.</p> <p>10:24 - People feel that the news not seen to be giving the incident great attention – 2 minutes on the incident and 15 minutes on Brexit.</p>	<p>19/06/2017 10:24 - Gold Meeting this morning at 11am – faith leaders will be present</p> <p>10:24 - EPO’s set up control room shortly after the incident – still there gathering intelligence and monitoring.</p> <p>10:24 - Joint statement to be issued by Islington Faith forum, the Council and the police.</p>
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	10:24 - People feel isolated in the country and feel that no one cares about them.	
<b>Royal Borough of Kingston</b> (Marion Todd)		
<b>Lambeth</b> (Steve Tippell)	19/06/2017 11:30 – No incidents recorded.	19/06/2017 11:30 – The BECC is in operation.  11:30 - Briefing note sent to officers, members and community contacts by Borough Commander.  11:30 - Communications at present being made by CE Co-ordinator with Lambeth mosques.
<b>Lewisham</b> (Martin Gormlie)		
<b>London Borough of Hammersmith &amp; Fulham, Royal Borough of Kensington &amp; Chelsea</b> (Pinakin Patel)	19/06/2017 11:19 – The Islamic Cultural Centre shared the following statement which has also gone out on their website: “Terrorist Attack on worshippers near Finsbury Park Mosque. The London Central Mosque Trust & The Islamic Cultural Centre outrightly condemn in the strongest possible manner another horrific terror attack which has occurred overnight where a van has been driven into worshippers near Finsbury Park Mosque shortly after they had just finished worshipping Taraweh prayers. All our thoughts and prayers are with those who have been injured and lost their lives. This was clearly a deliberate attack on innocent Londoners. We urge the community to remain calm and vigilant and to be united against any form of terror or hate, it is also an assault on all our shared values of tolerance, freedom and respect for one another. We must all stand together in solidarity and not let this hatred divide us and work tirelessly to remove this evil from our society.”	19/06/2017 11:30 – the possibility of releasing a joint statement from community organisations following the attack is being discussed. Local Mosques and Synagogue have agreed in principle (draft pending). Further updates awaited.  11:30 – key messaging for publication on the relevant intranets have been prepared and sent to the relevant Comms teams. Messages include, amongst others, reassurance, the need to report concerns, etc.  11:30 – Team has liaised with SO15 and local police across both boroughs.  11:00 – Minute’s silence observed for the victims of Grenfell Tower.  09:30 – Prevent Education officer has contacted all local schools. Communication includes (but is not limited to) advice on how to discuss such sensitive topics, offers of further support, and broader reassurance.

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	<p>10:02 – Borough Police (LBHF) confirmed that no incidents have been noted locally. Policing plans have been put in place across the MPS and Hammersmith and Fulham. Information re last nights incident has been and will continue to be disseminated as appropriate.</p> <p>09:00 – Community member noted that, in the wake of this event, further opposition to the anti-Prevent lobby is key and must be seen.</p> <p>09:00 – Community member has stated that further action must be taken by the government in keeping with the “Enough is enough” message previously issued by the Prime Minister.</p> <p>08:30 - The Chelsea Muslim Community Hub shared the following statement: ‘The Chelsea Muslim Community Hub strongly condemns the terrorist attacks on our Muslim worshippers in Finsbury Park, at a time when our communities are mourning the death of Muslim &amp; non-Muslim families in Grenfell Tower. We urge our members to contain their anger, remain calm and not react in any irresponsible way. We are law abiding citizens and our respect for the law will never waver.’</p> <p>08:30 - One community member raised concerns around media coverage of the incident and, specifically, a headline which noted the links between Finsbury Park and Abu Hamza.</p>	<p>09:30 – Prevent Education Officer has liaised with the Prevent Education Officer Network to ensure that all local feedback and concerns are being escalated to Prevent Coordinators.</p> <p>09:00 – PAG members (alongside parenting facilitators and parents, and local Madrasahs) are being liaised with via dedicated WhatsApp groups. Key messages include reassurance, the request that any feedback/sentiment be shared, request that concerns be reported to the police and shared with the team. A request has also been made for organisations to liaise with local Police and the Council should they require further Police presence or identify a time when they might be more vulnerable.</p> <p>09:00 – Participation in London Resilience Conference Call.</p>
<p><b>London Councils</b> (London Councils Press Office)</p>		
<p><b>Luton</b> (Farah Ismail)</p>		



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<b>Merton</b> (Evereth Willis)	19/06/2017 12:04 - No tensions reported to date.	
<b>Metropolitan Police, Prevent, SO15 Counter Terrorism Command</b> (Detective Superintendent R. Skoll)		
<b>Newham</b> (Ghaffar Hussain)		19/06/2017 11:06 - A vigil for victims of terrorist attacks was held in Newham on Saturday the 17th of June, it was organised by the Ahmediya community and councillors also spoke.
<b>Portsmouth</b> (Charlie Pericleous)		
<b>Redbridge</b> (Melanie Roulston)		
<b>Slough</b> (Naheem Bashir)		
<b>Southwark</b> (Ben Taylor)		
<b>Sutton</b> (Paula Wilkinson)		
<b>Tower Hamlets</b> (insert)		19/06/2017 10:14 - We are convening a meeting of the Tower Hamlets Tension Monitoring Group today at 12 with key community representatives and other relevant agencies including the police.  10:14 - Local communication lines will be determined at this meeting following discussion with the police and our comms team.
<b>Waltham Forest</b>	19/06/2017 11:51 - Local 6th form college has a pre-planned pupil-led community	19/06/2017

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<p>(Daniel Fludgate)</p>	<p>event today; the theme is a show of unity for Londoners.</p> <p>11:51 - A Christian church has some members of the Muslim community hosting Eid parties in their hall this week, and have concerns about security. Police have been asked to send their local officer down to liaise.</p> <p>11:51 - One of the mosques has expressed concern about safety, particularly for Wednesday night and Friday prayers, when mosques on the borough will be full. This mosque has their own security with Hi-Vis jackets, and have requested a greater police presence. This has been passed on to police colleagues.</p> <p>09:46 - A concern has been received from a Muslim faith school on the borough who are worried about physical security of their students coming to and from school. The school has been advised to speak with their Safer Schools police officer.</p>	<p>11:51 - Community Coordinator has sent details of the upcoming Worship Security Fund to faith contacts.</p> <p>11:51 - Borough police faith and communities officer is making reassurance visits to mosques today.</p> <p>09:46 - A reassurance message has been sent to community contacts asking for any concerns or tensions to be fed back. A message has been sent to schools. Borough hate crime officer is looking at ways of reminding people how to report hate crime.</p>
<p><b>Wandsworth</b> (Simon Cornwall)</p>		
<p><b>Westminster</b> (Mark Chalmers)</p>	<p>19/06/2017</p> <p>11:52 - There have been no incidents or reports of note and there is nothing to indicate that community sentiment is other than would be expected following last night's events.</p>	<p>19/06/2017</p> <p>11:52 - On this occasion, a decision was taken to refrain from sending out community reassurance messages following last night's attack; as when this has been done following previous terrorist atrocities, communities have expressed that such messages can inadvertently increase fear and tension.</p> <p>11:52 - Local engagement with educational institutions and key community stakeholders will be done in line with, and informed by, local need.</p>
<p><b>Wycombe</b> (Daniel Sullivan)</p>		