

# CORPS RELAY

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# The Conflict between Ukraine and Russia

The conflict in Ukraine continues, with the impact on Europe and the rest of the world continuing to grow. There have been suggestions that Russia will [leverage the provision of food and humanitarian corridors in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions](#). Concerns over the extreme measures taken by Russia continue to spread, with Andrei Kelin, the Russian Ambassador to Britain, dismissing allegations of war crimes as fabrications. Mr Kelin went on to dismiss the chances of Russia using nuclear weapons in this conflict, stating Russia have strict rules for the use of nuclear weapons which generally pertain to a threat to the Russian state, and that they have “... nothing to do with the current operation,”.

Corps Consult will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates, as appropriate, through further special bulletins. For more information on previous guidance around the potential impact please see the [February 2022 Edition](#) of Corps Relay, the [Corps Security Special Bulletin – Ukraine/Russia Conflict – Cyber Security Briefing](#), and the [Corps Security Special Bulletin – Ukraine/Russia Conflict Summarised Update](#).

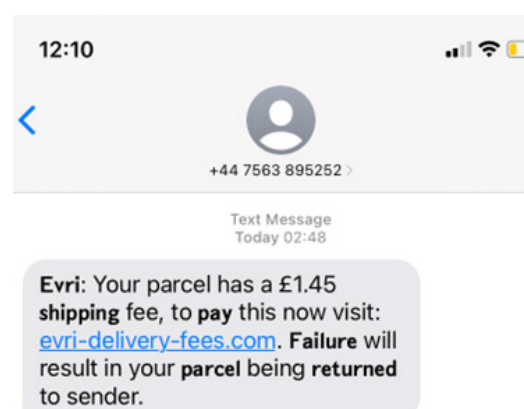
# Figen Murray appointed to TINYg Advisory Council

Figen Murray OBE has agreed to join the TINYg advisory board. Ms Murray is the mother of Martyn Hett, one of the victims of the Manchester Arena terror attack in May 2017, and the foremost campaigner for Martyn’s Law which has directly influenced the Protect Duty. Ms Murray was

awarded the Outstanding Contribution award at the 2020 Counter Terror Awards for her efforts in stopping terrorism, graduated with a Masters in Counterterrorism in December 2021, and was awarded an OBE in the 2021 New Year’s Honours List.

# Fake Evri Delivery Scam

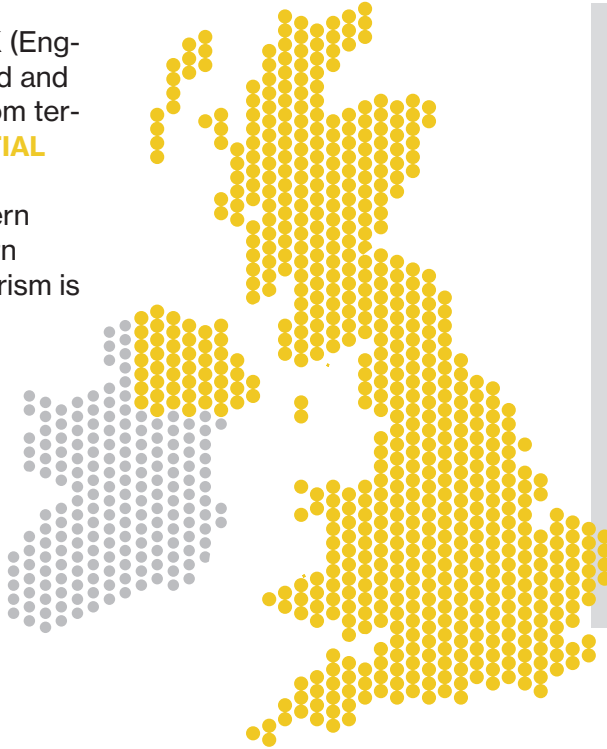
There is currently a scam being circulated whereby individuals are asked to provide their bank details to the delivery company Evri, formerly Hermes, in order to pay a delivery charge of £1.45 on a parcel for them. This is a variation on a classic scam that has been around for decades, whereby individuals are convinced to pay for a parcel to prevent it being “returned to the sender”, however, in this variation the parcel is fictitious and the process is completely digital. Please see example image of the scam text message.



# Current National Threat Level

The threat to the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) from terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL**

The threat to Northern Ireland from Northern Ireland-related terrorism is **SUBSTANTIAL**



## NOTE:

Threat levels are designed to give a broad indication of the likelihood of a terrorist attack

**LOW** means an attack is highly unlikely

**MODERATE** means an attack is possible, but not likely

**SUBSTANTIAL** means an attack is likely

**SEVERE** means an attack is highly likely

**CRITICAL** means an attack is highly likely in the near future

# UK Terrorism Update

## Counter Terrorism Police (CTP) launch Summer Vigilance Campaign

June saw the launch of the CTP **Summer Vigilance Campaign** which aims to encourage the public to report any suspicious behaviour they see, defining it as something that “doesn’t feel right”. The campaign comes ahead of a number of key outdoor events planned for the summer of 2022 including the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee, Women’s Euros, Commonwealth Games and other sporting, music, stadium and large events. The key messages from the campaign are:

- If you see something that doesn’t feel right report it at [www.ACT.gov.uk](https://www.act.gov.uk) or a member of staff/security. In an emergency dial 999.
- Trust your instincts, you won’t be wasting CTP’s time.
- Anyone can complete the **ACT E-learning** on ProtectUK. This will help people to understand the risks and how to keep communities safe. Everyone is able to download the Protect UK app for quick reference to CT advice and how to respond.



# Former Irish Defence Force Soldier charged with being a member of ISIS

There is currently a landmark case being heard in Ireland relating to a Former Irish Defence Force Soldier, Lisa Smith, who is accused of being a member of ISIS. The evidence against Smith revolves around her travelling to Syria after converting to Islam, and following the call for Muslims to travel to the Islamic State by the terrorist leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi.

The defence argue that there is no evidence that Smith was ever a member of ISIS, nor that she funded ISIS or ever intended to support them. The defence case states that Smith only travelled to

Syria to be a dutiful wife and that it is insufficient to state Smith was subsumed into ISIS. Conversely, the prosecution asserts that there is no space for naivety or ignorance in this case as, by the time Smith travelled to Syria, the situation with ISIS was already unmistakably clear and there is no benign Islamic State, only the terrorist organisation she is accused of travelling thousands of miles to join. This case is likely to set a precedent for future cases of this type in the Republic of Ireland, and potentially in Europe.

## Notable Dates/Events

### Key Religious Events, National Celebrations, and Anniversaries

There are significant days for several religions and nations throughout June. It is not only important to be mindful of these dates to celebrate our diverse society, but also because several terrorist groups have been known to select these days to carry out their actions.

Notable dates in June 2021 include:

- 2nd June – Ascension Day – a Coptic Orthodox Christian celebration
- 2nd-3rd June – Platinum Jubilee Celebration – UK and Commonwealth celebration and UK Bank Holiday
- 3rd June – 5th Anniversary of the London Bridge Vehicle Attack – Key Event Anniversary
- 5th June – Pentecost – a Christian celebration
- 4th-6th June – Shavuot – a Jewish celebration
- 6th June – Anniversary of D Day/The Normandy Landings – A celebration of a decisive military victory for the Allied Forces of WWII
- 6th June – Eire Bank Holiday – Bank Holiday in Ireland
- 8th June – Race Unity Day – a Baha'i celebration
- 10th June – Birthday of Prince Philip, Duke of

Edinburgh – A UK and Commonwealth celebration and the second following his passing

- 12th June – H.M. The Queen's Official Birthday – UK and Commonwealth celebration
- 12th June – Trinity Sunday – a Christian celebration
- 15th June – 26th Anniversary of the 1996 Manchester Bombing – Key Event Anniversary
- 16th June – The Feast of Corpus Christi – A Christian celebration
- 16th June – 6th Anniversary of the murder of MP Jo Cox – Key Event Anniversary
- 16th June – Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib – a commemoration observed by Sikhs
- 20th-25th June – Armed Forces Week – a UK celebration of the UK Armed Forces
- 21st June – 9th Anniversary of the 2013 attempt to blow up Walsall Mosque – Key Event Anniversary
- 24th June – Feast of the Sacred Heart – a Roman Catholic celebration
- 24th June – Litha – a Pagan and Wiccan festival of the Summer Solstice
- 25th June – Armed Forces Day – a UK celebration of the UK Armed Forces

## 5th Anniversary of the 2017 London Bridge Vehicle Attack

Eight people were killed and many more injured when three men (Khuram Shazad Butt, Rachid Redouane, and Youssef Zaghba) drove a van into pedestrians on [London Bridge](#). After crashing the van the men got out and attacked those around them with the knives they had tied to their wrists.

The men moved through Borough Market attacking people before being shot dead by the police. The men were found to be wearing fake suicide vests.

## 6th Anniversary of the 2016 murder of MP Jo Cox

Thomas Mair, a far right terrorist, is currently serving a life sentence for the murder of the Member of Parliament for Batley and Spen, Jo Cox, during the EU Referendum campaign in June 2016. Mrs Cox was attacked by Mair as she got out of a car in Birstall. Mair shot and repeatedly stabbed

Mrs Cox repeatedly whilst say "This is for Britain", "Britain first", and "Keep Britain independent".

## Durham Farmer Hospitalises Animal Rights Activist

A demonstration by Animal Justice Project (AJP) outside the Darlington Farmers Auction Mart (DFAM) resulted in at least one AJP demonstrator being hospitalised after a [farmer allegedly sprayed the demonstrators with cow manure](#). The APJ state

that the protest was peaceful, whilst the chair of DFAM accused the protestors of "...intimidating [and] threatening behaviour.". Durham Police attended the scene and sought to resolve the incident in a safe and peaceful manner.



## Protect Duty Update

# Corps Focus: Security Issue of the Month

The work to implement the Protect Duty continues to progress, with some subtle milestones being reached in recent months. The Queen addressed the Protect Duty in her speech on 10th May 2022, noting the intent of the Government to bring a Protect Duty Bill forward in the current parliamentary session. The “Competent Person Scheme”, which forms part of the Government Publicly Accessible Locations Programme, is now the focus of a dedicated unit within the National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO).

The main mission of the Competent Person Scheme seeks to provide assurance within the business community that they can both mitigate the risks posed by terrorism threats, as well as fulfilling the obligations and duties the Protect Duty place upon them. Whilst this project is in its infancy, and is expected to take approximately 2 years to complete, some key information has been released relating to the proof of concept.

The Competent Person Scheme is exploring how business will be able to meet their obligations utilising a both internal and external skillset. This

suggests that there will be options for businesses to follow a structure that works for them, and they also highlighted the potential for two potential markets identified at this stage, namely:

- Security Advisors – “A person who will provide appropriate advice on business matters relating to counter terrorism protective security/preparedness”
- Persons in the Workplace – “A person responsible for determining and implementing appropriate security practices within an organisation. This may be a business owner or senior manager or more security-specific roles such as a Security Manager or Operations Manager etc.”

The Competent Person Scheme will continue to develop over coming years and NaCTSO will continue to conduct the current market research phase with business until August 2022. The Competent Person Scheme is, however, only one element of the Protect Duty, and does not include information on the specific requirements the Protect Duty will mandate.



## Protect Duty Update

Whilst the exact form and details the Protect Duty will include are undefined at this stage, Figen Murray OBE provided some of her insight into the duty in the recent TINYg Corporate Security & Protect Duty Conference (held in Manchester on 31st May). Ms Murray's presentation included three key takeaway messages relating to her understanding of the Protect Duty, namely:

- The Protect Duty will definitely be brought into legislation at some point and the legislation will concern 'publicly accessible locations'
- 'Catastrophic' Bleed Control Kits and Training will be incorporated into the requirements laid down by the Protect Duty
- On duty Security Officer in publicly accessible locations should have training in the use of tourniquets and either carry, or have immediate access to, a tourniquet

The UK does not have the same level of access to firearms or explosives as other countries, including the US, but there is still access to other items that can cause significant harm if used in an attack. Cold weapons, including both bladed items (e.g. knives) and blunt tools (e.g. hammers) can all be fatal, and there are a range of chemicals that have the potential to cause significant harm to people, including those that are strongly acidic or alkaline, bleaches, and flammable chemicals (especially if then ignited). Vehicles have also been used multiple times in the UK, both directly as a weapon driven at

the victim, as well as indirectly when used to hide a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device (VIED).

One of the greatest areas for concern currently is that of self-initiated terrorists (SITs), with the most recent terror attacks in the UK, namely the killing of MP Sir David Amess and the Liverpool Women's Hospital Bomb, demonstrated the dangers of SITs. The nature of SITs, who are not connected formally to terrorist networks although may be influenced by them, is that they generally act alone and do not interact with known terrorists. This means that they are often harder to identify until near the time of their planned attack unless they do something that overtly draws attention to them.

The main points the UK should maintain focus on is the need to be vigilant and prepared. The Protect Duty will engrain this in many areas when it comes into force, but until then it is for people and businesses to ensure they are aware and vigilant. Counter Terrorism Police will continue to support with initiatives like the [Summer Vigilance Campaign](#), as well as advancements from the SIA including the necessity for all SIA trained individuals to have completed both the [ACT E-learning](#) and a first aid qualification. Business and the public must also do their part in reporting suspicious activity and taking reasonable steps to ensure they and their premises are secure.



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