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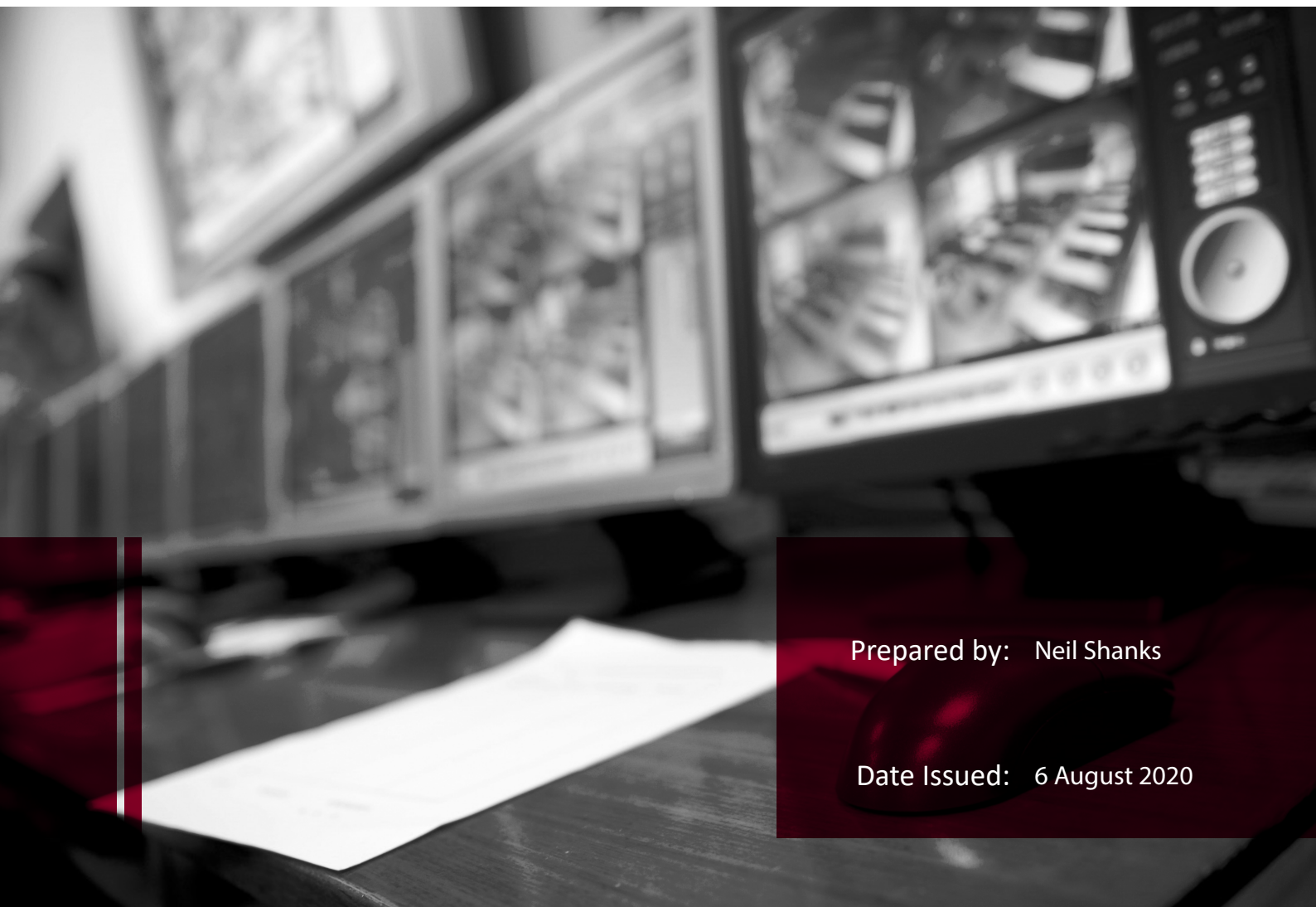


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Premises: Changes of use and evolving threat landscape

The Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) have been working alongside the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) to produce guidance and tools to aid businesses to adapt to the changing security landscape of Covid-19. Their guidance was developed initially to meet their requirements to protect Critical National Infrastructure but the content is transferable and offers businesses a checklist to follow when reviewing the capability of their existing security provisions to meet the evolving threat. <https://www.cpni.gov.uk/staying-secure-during-covid-19-0>

Corps Security are currently undertaking a return to work strategy project designed to help our customers identify and mitigate the new risks. You will receive further information on this project in the near future.

Wearing of Face Masks/Coverings

The wearing of face masks/coverings, whether mandatory or optional, has now become a standard part of day to day life in the UK. There was an increase in this seen with the introduction of mandatory face coverings when in shops or on public transport in England. Previously numerous business would not allow people to enter with their identity hidden in such a way, with common examples being the mandatory removal of helmets by motorcyclists or equivalent.

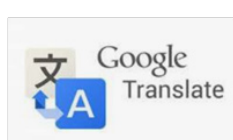
There have been numerous reports of teenagers in the UK using face coverings and disguises in order to purchase alcohol illegally. There are also reports from certain US news outlets that facemasks are being adopted by criminals to help evade capture following criminal acts however there is a lack of substantiated evidence available to support these claims.

Any sites/locations that rely on facial recognition software or visual identification of individuals as part of their security protocols must now factor that face coverings are a part of the way we live now. Businesses should give clear guidance on the use of face coverings on their premises, including what types are/aren't acceptable and the process for confirming the identity of the person beneath the face covering if required. Please see web links below.



Recommendation – Lip Readers:

A proportion of the population have hearing problems that mean they rely on a number of methods to communicate with others. These include hearing aids, hearing loops, sign language and lip reading. The current use of face coverings, especially when coupled with other screens, obscures the voice and makes communication increasingly difficult. The use of speech to text phone apps, such as Google Translate, allow a masked individual to speak and see this represented in text form on a mobile phone. Not only are they able to change the size to accommodate communication from a greater distance, they can also utilise this to speak to people in other languages they do not know e.g. English to Spanish conversation (with options to see the conversation in both text or play the audio clip).



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 **SEVERE**

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

Counter Terrorism

Despite the current National Threat Level for terrorism being set at substantial, there is a strong belief that increased vigilance is required during the easing of lockdown. This belief is strengthened by the recent incident in Reading Park on 26th June 2020 which saw Khairi Saadallah, a 25 year old known to MI5, murder three people in what has been classified as a terrorist attack.

The National Counter Terrorism Security Office (NaCTSO) provide a number of tools for the public and businesses to help them identify behaviour that could be leading to terrorist activity e.g. how to spot and identify suspicious behaviour such as hostile reconnaissance (1). Some of these tools can be found on their website (2) and in the NaCTSO July Bulletin (3).

Two very powerful tools that are offered which require mentioning in their own right are the online ACT eLearning and the ACT App, both of which are free. The ACT eLearning has replaced Project Griffin and is available to anyone that would like to complete it by going via the .Gov site (4). The training takes approximately 45 minutes to complete and comprises of six modules

including an introduction to terrorism, identifying security vulnerabilities and how to identify and respond to suspicious behaviour.

In addition to this, the ACT App also offers guidance on all aspects of protective security as well as being used for both Counter Terrorism and Covid-19 messaging. To get the ACT App first download the Urim app from the Google Play or Apple Store, then email ct@highfieldelearning.com to request a user name and password.

1. <https://www.cpni.gov.uk/understanding-hostile-reconnaissance-1>
2. <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/national-counter-terrorism-security-office>
3. <https://www.thecssc.com/2020/07/10/cssc-green-message-nctphq-bulletin-10-july-2020/> (select the link entitled "20200707 NaCTSO UK Protect National Bulletin")
4. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/act-awareness-elearning>

Demonstrations



Leeds - Housing is a right! Not a privilege! 07/08/2020

Protestors will gather at The Headrow, Leeds City Centre, between 12:00-18:00 on 07/08/2020 to protest against the insecurity of housing for many younger people. The specific issue stated is the monetisation of the housing sector and the protestors will demand Section 106 is re-evaluated to ensure affordable housing is the priority in all Housing developments in the future.



Multiple Locations - March for NHS Pay Justice – 08/08/2020

There are a number of simultaneous protests calling for NHS pay to be increased in major cities across England and Wales. These all start at 11:00 however the duration may vary or is not defined. The known protest locations are:

- Birmingham: Victoria Square – 11:00-13:00
- Bristol: College Green > Castle Park – 11:00-15:00
- Cardiff: Senedd – 11:00
- Liverpool: St George Hall – 11:00
- London: St James Park > Whitehall > Downing Street > Parliament Square – 11:00
- Manchester: Piccadilly Gardens – 11:00-12:30
- Newcastle: Newcastle City Centre – 11:00-12:30



Tottenham - No Justice No Peace - Get the MET's knee off our necks– 08/08/2020

At 13:00 on 08/08/2020 a protest will take place outside Tottenham Police Station in memory of Mark Dugganand. This is to protest against Police violence, racism by the Police and Police Impunity.



London - Black Lives Matter (BLM) Update – 08/08/2020

The next event associated with BLM is a march taking place at 14:00-18:00 on 08/08/2020 starting at Marble Arch and concluding in Parliament Square, London. There have been continuations of pop up demonstrations in several cities across the UK throughout July although these have not always been declared publicly prior to convening. The number of demonstrations has decreased significantly since its peak in June 2020 and as it is a decentralised organisation with no formal hierarchy it is likely that a further spike in nationwide activity would be linked to a specific event or incident.

Corps Focus: Security Issue of the Month



Online Fraud and Cybercrime

Given that the Covid-19 outbreak has identified increases in cybercrime and fraud, it is only fitting that this be the Corps Focus Topic for August 2020. Please find below links to the NCSC, DHS and CSIA advisory paper (1), the Charities Commission document (2) and the City of London's Online Fraud and Cybercrime prevention guidance (3). Additionally, the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI) have produced some useful guidance around how to stay safe from criminals whilst using professional social media sites (4).

1. <https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/news/covid-19-exploited-by-cyber-actors-advisory>
2. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/coronavirus-covid-19-increased-risk-of-fraud-and-cybercrime-against-charities>
3. <https://www.cityoflondon.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa2/fraud/online-fraud/>
4. <https://www.cpni.gov.uk/think-you-link-0>