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## National Bulletin

### Step Change Summit III

This Bulletin contains information on the Step Change Summit III held on 7th March 2019 at Farnborough International Conference Centre.

**“As the mother of a victim of terror, I don’t have the power to prevent other parents or families having to bury their loved ones like I did. But you do.”**

These were the powerful words spoken by Figen Murray - the mother of Manchester Arena attack victim Martyn Hett - as she opened the third annual Step Change Summit.

Speaking to a 300-strong audience of business leaders and security experts, Mrs Murray explained the devastating personal consequences of the attack at the Arianna Grande concert on 22nd May 2017 - providing a heart-wrenching reminder why the Step Change Programme is so important.

The programme aims to support delivery of the Protect and Prepare objectives of the CONTEST strategy by creating a ‘whole of society’ approach between police, government and the private sector.

A year on from 2018’s ‘Call to Action’ for businesses and industry to take a more active role in the protective security of the UK, this year’s Summit took stock of the progress made so far, but more importantly looked to the future of Counter Terrorism Policing’s relationship with the private sector.

As the National Coordinator for Protect and Prepare, Chief Superintendent Nick Aldworth, commented as he facilitated the event: “2017 was about fighting fires, 2018 was about consolidating what we had learned during that difficult time and this year is about looking to the future and taking the next step.”

The Security Minister, Ben Wallace MP, had, the previous day, announced the launch of a ground-breaking interactive online platform - a £10million project funded by Pool Re, the terrorism reinsurer, and led by Counter Terrorism Policing in partnership with the Joint Security and Resilience Centre (JSaRC).

The Senior National Coordinator for Protect and Prepare, Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D’Orsi, said: “At this Step Change Summit we need to look at how the public and private sector shape our future relationship, not to see industry as simply a commercial partner but instead how they can work alongside us and co-fund protective security for the future.” In the meantime, the Step Change Programme is already delivering substantial changes to the way we protect our crowded places and citizens. Updates on this can be found on the next page.

Bringing this year’s Summit to a close, the co-Chair of the Programme Board, Bill Moore CBE, summed up progress: “We need to get engagement from CEOs, COOs and other executive directors, because change is driven from the top. In every board meeting, health and safety of staff is a top priority and we must get protective security into that space.”

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## An information sharing platform

Counter Terrorism Policing are delighted to announce that they are leading a new counter-terrorism project, an information sharing platform, designed to enhance the collaboration between business, industry and the public sector. The project represents a clear opportunity to deliver on the commitment in the government's counter-terrorism strategy, CONTEST, to build more integrated relationships with the private sector, increasing the UK's ability to tackle terrorism.

The platform will be delivered in partnership with the Joint Security and Resilience Centre, part of the Home Office, and Pool Re, the terrorism reinsurer, who are also funding the project worth £10 million. It will provide a 24/7 monitored and managed web based system with a series of functions by which business can access timely, tailored and secure information. It will provide online training, a forum in which best practice and ideas can be shared, access to experts and academia and a direct messaging service. Access to the platform will be free at the point of use.

The project is due to begin technical delivery later this year, with consultations being undertaken with key partners to ensure it is fit for purpose. Details and calls for input will be circulated in due course, do join us in delivering this project. A full announcement on the project, made by Security Minister Ben Wallace, can be found [here](#).

## Step Change Strand Updates



**Transport:** improving public & private sector partnership work by focusing on the unregulated Transport sector whilst also exploiting opportunities in the regulated arena. The following has been undertaken:

- Rental Vehicle Security Scheme: Increasing counter-terrorism awareness and preparedness across the sector.
- Guidance to the Bus and Coach Sector: How operators can identify and report suspicious behaviour, and what actions to take in an attack.
- Ensuring representatives from the Transport sector nationally receive relevant information and updates on the current threat picture and incidents.



**Security & Resilience:** improving security and resilience and enhancing capability across the private sector. The following has been undertaken:

- Run, Hide, Tell guide: Signposting small and medium business to information and guidance.
- Operational Mobilisation Pilot: Piloting options for delivery of the Stakeholder Menu of Options in partnership between Police, Local Government and Business.
- SIA Training Curriculum: Ensuring Counter Terrorism (CT) content within curriculum is appropriate, targeted and suitable to achieve deliverable CT understanding.



**Travel & Tourism:** improving the safety of British citizens overseas by raising awareness and partnership working. The following has been undertaken:

- FCO Travel Advice
- Security Review: Working with large travel companies to devise a scalable standard of security that can be utilised across the industry.
- Good practice CT awareness products: Working with ABTA, developed for their members and staff.
- International Run, Hide, Tell and CT awareness package, available in numerous languages.



**Crowded Places:** protecting people working in, using and visiting crowded places by making such places more resilient and working in partnership with business. The following has been undertaken:

- ACT e-learning: An interactive online tool to help improve knowledge and awareness of counter terrorism measures.
- National Counter Terrorism Business Independent Advisory Group: a strategic advisory group of leading representatives from the private sector.
- Information sharing platform: A secure, innovative and interactive information platform is being developed.