

Statement from Chief Constable Phil Gormley following events in London



Police Scotland Chief Constable Phil Gormley has issued the following statement following the events in London yesterday.

He said: "Police Scotland is saddened by the tragic events in London on Wednesday 22 March 2017.

"Our thoughts are with the victims, their families and their communities.

"Whilst there is no specific intelligence to suggest such an incident will occur in Scotland, the UK threat level remains at Severe, therefore we must remain alert but not alarmed. You may notice increased police patrols. Such patrols are there for reassurance and community engagement.

"Due to the nature of the attacks in London, certain communities understandably may feel more vulnerable at this time. Police Scotland is committed to keeping people safe and whilst we understand that the public will clearly be appalled by these events, I would urge each and every member of the community to continue to work together in ensuring that no person or group in Scotland feels marginalised or isolated.

"I would advise people to go about their business as usual. However, should anyone become a victim, or witness of any hate crime, they should contact the Police to report the incident.

"Please be assured Police Scotland continues to work with partners at home and abroad countering the threat from terrorism to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our communities. Thank you for your continued support in keeping

our communities safe.

“If you have any concerns or information about suspicious activity please contact the Police on 101, Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, or in an emergency dial 999.”