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Message issued on behalf of Chief Constable Simon Byrne

I'd like to provide you with a brief update in relation to the Constabulary's response to the terrible events in London on Wednesday.

Firstly, I want to remind and reassure you that there is no information to suggest there is a specific threat to Cheshire.

Nevertheless, we have responded by putting more officers on the street and patrol plans in place for key locations around the county. This is not because we believe there is any imminent threat here, but to provide visibility and reassurance to the public.

As our community partners, you may have been contacted by your local officers and they will be working with you in the coming days to address any concerns you might. I want to stress that it is our communities that defeat terrorism. This is why we must maintain the strong relationship between the public, police and our partners. We depend on information from the public, who can be our eyes and ears, in our efforts to keep us all safe.

If you wish to raise any concerns with us, I'd invite you to do so by emailing publiccontact@cheshire.pnn.police.uk. This mailbox is monitored around the clock, and one of my officers will endeavour to respond to you promptly. Information relating to suspicious activity or the London attack can be passed via the Anti-Terror hotline on 0800 789321.

Finally, we have been overwhelmed with the messages of support from members of the public since the incident who recognise the difficult and dangerous challenges faced by police officers across the country every day.

I want to thank you for your continued support of our efforts. This is a time for us all to work closely together and unite against those who seek, through violence and extremism, to intimidate or cause fear.

Simon Byrne

Chief Constable

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