



Dear Residents of Brent, Barnet & Harrow,

We are deeply saddened by the recent terror attack in Australia and our thoughts are with all those affected. What should have been a joyful celebration of the start of Hannukah was targeted with the most horrific violence.

We recognise that attacks like these, even when they happen thousands of miles away, can create real fear and anxiety within our communities here in London. It is natural to feel concerned, and we want to reassure you that your safety remains our absolute priority. That impact will be particularly felt in the Jewish community where we recognise that fears and concerns were already heightened following an increase in antisemitic hate crime and the attack earlier this year at a synagogue in Manchester.

Please know that we are listening, we care, and we are taking every step to ensure that London remains a safe place for everyone. Our officers are part of your community, and we share the same commitment to protecting the places where we live, work, and gather.

Following the events over the weekend we have reviewed the relevant threat assessments, including for Hannukah menorah lightings and other events scheduled throughout the next week. Following this review, the threat assessments remain unchanged. Should we receive intelligence that requires us to adjust our response, we will do so in a proportionate and timely manner, always guided by the latest information and our duty to keep people safe.

Over the coming days you may notice an increase in uniformed policing activity in your communities, including in the vicinity of synagogues, other places of worship and prominent venues. Please be assured that this is not in response to any specific threat and its intention is to provide a reassuring and engaging presence so that you can continue your daily activities.

As part of our response to ensuring that you feel safe during the festive period, we have reviewed our posture to ensure that as well as delivering our core policing duties, we have sufficient officers to deploy to significant local events in the coming days. Each event that we are notified of is assessed by our specially trained officers and police resources are then allocated as required. We can only do this if we know about the event so ask that you inform us of any local events you're organising by contacting [NWMailbox-OperationalSupportandEvents@met.police.uk](mailto:NWMailbox-OperationalSupportandEvents@met.police.uk).

If you see anything suspicious, please report it to us. You can do this by contacting the Anti-Terrorism Hotline on 0800 789 321. Or, in an emergency call 999.

The events of the weekend are horrific and attempt to undermine our way of life. Yet, they will never succeed in breaking the strength and unity of our community. Please know that your safety remains our highest priority, and we will continue working tirelessly to protect and support all communities in Brent, Harrow & Barnet. Together, we will stand resilient, uphold our shared values, and ensure that our community remains a place of hope, care, and security for all.

Thank you for your continued support and trust

Yours faithfully,

Luke Williams

Detective Chief Superintendent

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