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Dear colleague,

Change to UK threat level

The Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre (JTAC) has advised that the UK Threat Level should be changed from **SUBSTANTIAL** (an attack is likely) to **SEVERE** (an attack is highly likely). Further information regarding this change is available at <https://www.mi5.gov.uk/threat-levels>.

As a consequence of this change in threat levels all NHS organisations are now required to ensure that they have:

- Cascade the change in alert level to your staff
- Review relevant staffing levels and security arrangements across your health facilities, taking account of any additional advice from your local security experts in conjunction with the local police force's [Counter Terrorism Security Advisor \(CTSA\)](#).
- Ensure all staff are aware of your organisation's Incident Response Plans, business continuity arrangements and on call notification processes
- Notify your local NHS England and NHS Improvement Regional EPRR Team of any current or scheduled works or operational changes currently affecting service delivery within your organisation
- Review the Home Office advice issued in relation to this threat, and risk assess this against your own organisation, taking steps where possible to mitigate identified risks
- Review mutual aid agreements with other health services including specialist and private providers

NHS England and NHS Improvement



Please ensure any media enquiries which relate to the issuing of this letter are redirected back to NHS England and NHS Improvement.

NHS England and NHS Improvement will continue to work with you, the Department of Health and Social Care, and other government departments and agencies, and issue further advice as required.

Thank you for your leadership at this time.

Kind regards

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