



Dear Partners,

This letter is to share with you Devon and Cornwall Police's response to the terrible incidents we're seeing across the country and to let you know what we are doing locally in support of our communities.

You will have seen from the national media that all Police Forces are providing mutual aid support to those areas of the country most affected by the significant acts of disorder. Devon and Cornwall Police continue to contribute to the national picture and are well-staffed to meet that requirement.

You will know too, that we have seen our first localised outbreak of disorder in Plymouth and we are now working closely with our partners to ensure an effective recovery for the Plymouth community.

Devon and Cornwall Police have increased resourcing to provide additional resilience locally, as well as that which we have in readiness for national deployment. This is being achieved with the cancellation of days off and focusing our resourcing to ensure that both our immediate response to incidents and our community engagement can continue with minimal disruption. Should any disorder arise locally, we are prepared and ready to respond with contingency plans, staff resilience and a clearly defined leadership structure. We know how important it is that we're there for people when they need us and we are clear that it remains business as usual for the public.

You will see over the coming days an increased level of community engagement. As you might expect, this is to ensure we are actively engaged with the public, available to receive intelligence from the community and to ensure we understand the concerns of those we serve. It is not in response to specific intelligence at this stage.

Much of the intelligence received so far has not resulted in the disorder suggested. We are working around the clock to assess the credibility of any reports we receive and will share specific information at a local level with you as soon as we are able, in order that you can make decisions in relation to your area of business and the service you provide to our communities.

In the meantime, we ask the people continue to report matters to us in the same way:

Call 999 in an emergency – when the offender is still in the area, someone has been injured, or there is a risk to life.

For hate crime please report to <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/ro/report/hate-crime/triage/v1/report-hate-crime/>



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Torquay Police Station, South Street, Torquay, TQ2 5AH

- 📞 **101 Non Emergency** SignLive **Non Emergency** (BSL video relay)
- 📞 **999 Emergency**
- 📞 **dc.police.uk**
- 📞 **dc.police.uk/webchat**
- 📞 **Non Emergency Text 67101** (Deaf only)
- 📞 **999 BSL Emergency** (BSL video relay)
- 📞 **Text 999** (Deaf only - must pre-register at www.emergencysms.org.uk)

For community tensions and concerns - <https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/partners/partner-services/community-partner-intelligence/community-partnership-intelligence/>

Please remember to share any information, no matter how small, as it may help us piece information together to better understand the issue and thus ensure a more effective response.

Kind Regards,

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