SECURITY SERVICES ALERT STATUS

The current threat level for international terrorism in the UK is SEVERE. The UK threat level from international terrorism has been at SEVERE or CRITICAL since August 2014.

Avon & Somerset Counter Terrorism Security Advisor (CTSA) informs the University there is no current intelligence concerning a specific threat to the University or to the Higher Education sector in general.

Our response to threat levels remains heightened with additional patrols in place. Specific security measures deployed are kept confidential.

We continually review industry guidance and network with our extensive peer group including contacts within AUCSO, Avon and Somerset Police and the intelligence agencies. We take security seriously and will remain extra vigilant during this time. In addition to the operational measures deployed we ask University leaders to encourage best practice and remember to:

- Clearly display your ucard so others can see.
- Challenge strangers and check with a member of the University if they claim to be a member of staff or student but have no U Card. DO NOT simply let them access our buildings. Ensure visitors are escorted to and from their meeting place.
- Report unattended bags to a member of staff (or directly to Security Services on Open Day).
- Wherever possible, stop people leaving bags and walking off.
- Be extra vigilant in places where the public have access.
- Check your emergency grab bags and First Aid kits to ensure all information/kits is current.
- Ensure your tactical response group contacts are up to date.

Thank you for your continuing efforts in keeping our University safe and secure.

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