

35. The PSIA tool highlights a site's vulnerability to terrorist attack. It looks at what physical and personnel security measures exist at a site to protect against six common attack methodologies. The PSIA awards a score and the CTSA provides an action plan to track protective security improvement.
36. Regular training courses develop knowledge, enabling CTSAs to provide owners and operators with advice regarding proportionate security measures for their site, using security manuals of accredited products tested to CPNI standards. The value of a CTSA is their ability to apply their knowledge, expertise and experience in providing bespoke security advice that is current and informed by threat assessments.

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37. NaCTSO provide the business process and tools with which a CTSA is equipped to engage with a particular site; within that framework a CTSA has the discretion to advise which physical security mitigations and nationally designed CT awareness tools are suitable based on their training and knowledge of the site and the site owner/ operator's appetite for protective security engagement.
38. Prior to 2014 CTSAs worked to individual police forces. At this time CTSAs were tasked directly by NaCTSO and the CT Policing network was not involved. The CTSA role was to provide security advice across 5 areas: crowded places, hazardous sites, critical national infrastructure, CT awareness and protective security.
39. A 2014 review⁴ brought all CTSAs together under the CT Policing network, with each region having responsibility for their CTSAs. The review sought to redistribute personnel according to demand and risk, as well as moving towards employing and training more police staff to undertake the CTSA role rather than police officers. Additionally, the role of Counter Terrorism Awareness Advisor (CTAA) was created to deliver awareness briefings (after the review indicated the role did not require a fully trained CTSA to complete this work).

⁴ This internal review was named the Demand, Reduction and Resource (DRR) process.