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2014 CROWDED PLACES DELIVERY MODEL

1. Introduction

1.1 This paper provides an overview of the new approach to delivery of protective security advice to Crowded Places, developed by NaCTSO with OSCT for application by CTSA's, from April 2014. It supports the CT Futures review, allowing prioritised, proportionate and consistent delivery.

2. Background

2.1 Crowded Places are open systems that actively attract large numbers of people which makes their protection challenging. Protective security is the responsibility of site owners and business and unlike safety requirements, security is not mandated.

2.2 A programme to protect Crowded Places was developed in 2008 following HMG (Lord West) review of the security of public spaces, after vehicle-borne explosive devices were used in 2007 in London (Tiger-Tiger- Haymarket) and Glasgow (Airport). It centred on free advice delivered by Counter Terrorism Security Advisors (CTSA) and was heavily biased towards the vehicle threat.

2.3 The 2008 Model was interpreted and implemented inconsistently across Forces, in relation to site definition, advice delivery and prioritisation of effort. The model was also slow to demonstrate success, through vulnerability reduction, owing to reliance on physical measures, such as bollards, that increased vehicle standoff distance. The willingness of business to engage was reduced by the requirement to achieve expensive 'gold standards'.

2.4 Over 340 sites remained on a 'priority' list from 2008 with little evidence of vulnerability reduction or justification for CT grant fund activity in this area.

2.5 The 2008 Model was reviewed during the Crowded Places Improvement Programme (2012) and the Crowded Places Stock Take (2013), through the OSCT-led Crowded Places Working Group (CPWG). Further review took place during the police-led CT Futures programme (2013-14) which included evidence of CTSA activity in June 2013. These reviews led to development of the 2014 Crowded Places Delivery Model, by NaCTSO with stakeholders.

2.6 Each CTSA received training on the new model in April 2014, which will be reinforced by regional CTSA Supervisor training in May 2014 and regional visits by NaCTSO in Q1.