

Message from GMP – Community Reassurance Following Recent Events

In the wake of the horrific attack on the congregation at Heaton Park Synagogue, Greater Manchester Police has been working tirelessly with our partners to provide reassurance and visible community engagement.

In recent days, our approach has evolved from fixed static points to a more mobile and agile capability. This allows us to better deploy resources across places of worship and schools, ensuring broader coverage and enhanced support.

This tragic incident has understandably heightened fears within your communities. These concerns will likely have been further compounded by the ongoing trial at Preston Crown Court, known as Operation Catogenic.

As you may be aware, this is an entirely separate Counter Terrorism-led investigation that, we believe, disrupted a group allegedly intent on causing serious harm to Jewish communities in Manchester. While the full details of the alleged planned attack will be revealed during the trial, the operation was very carefully managed from an early stage to ensure there was no risk to the public. At no point was there an opportunity for their allegedly intended actions to be carried out.

With all this context I recognise the heightened anxiety surrounding the return of children to school around the 20th of October. I want to reassure you that there is currently no information to suggest any threat to schools. Nevertheless, GMP officers will be conducting reassurance patrols at the beginning and end of the school day during the first few days following the return of pupils after the High Holy days.

This plan has been carefully developed in collaboration with community partners, and we hope it goes some way in providing the reassurance you've been seeking.

We remain committed to being intelligence-led and proportionate in our response to any threats affecting your communities.

Yours sincerely,



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