

Dear All

We are writing to highlight the public consultation we launched today on the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Bill, also known as Martyn's Law. The consultation will run for 6 weeks and can be found here [Martyn's Law: standard tier consultation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/martyns-law-standard-tier-consultation).

The Government reaffirmed its commitment to introducing this important piece of legislation in the King's Speech in November 2023. However, recognising the feedback provided during pre-legislative scrutiny and through our engagement with stakeholders, the Government committed to a further public consultation, specifically on the Standard Tier. This is to ensure the public and those impacted by the proposals have the opportunity to offer in-depth views on the Standard Tier, prior to the legislation's introduction to Parliament.

The proposals for requirements for premises in the Standard Tier have been revised to address feedback from the Home Affairs Select Committee and stakeholders, which primarily related to the need for requirements to be proportionate. To apply proportionate duties whilst considering any impacts to business and other organisations in scope, the requirements for Standard Tier premises have been amended, from a prescriptive requirement to complete a standardised template to having "reasonably practicable" procedures in place, were an attack to occur.

In summary, those responsible for Standard Tier premises^[1] must:

- **Notify the Regulator that they are, or have become, responsible for premises within scope of the Bill (and so subject to the relevant requirements).** This remains broadly in line with previous requirements.
- **Have in place procedural measures that could be expected to reduce, so far as reasonably practicable, the risk of physical harm to individuals at the premises in the event of an attack.** These relate only to the procedures to be followed by people working at the premises in the event of an attack occurring or being suspected as about to occur. As the procedural measures are about procedures for responding to an attack or suspected attack, it is not expected or required that physical alterations be undertaken or additional equipment purchased for Standard Tier premises.
- In contrast to the published draft Bill, there is **no requirement to complete a specified form (the 'Standard Terrorism Evaluation')** for Standard Tier premises or ensure that people working at the premises are given any **specific training**. However, as part of putting in place the procedural measures, workers will need to be sufficiently instructed or trained to carry them out effectively.

We would urge you to share our consultation with your networks to ensure we receive a broad and wide-reaching range of responses across all our key stakeholders and sectors.

Our consultation can be completed online or in an alternative format upon request. **The closing date is Monday 18 March 2024**, and we will publish our

response in due course. It is open to the public, and is targeted at organisations, businesses, local and public authorities, and/or individuals who own or operate premises that the proposed Bill would affect. We particularly welcome views from those responsible for the smaller premises which would fall within the Standard Tier, especially those in the community and voluntary sector.”