

INCORPORATION OF COUNTER TERRORISM POLICING INTO THE DSMA NOTICE SYSTEM

Members of the Defence Security and Media Advisory (DSMA) committee have unanimously agreed to extend the system to cover counter terrorism policing (CTP).

The decision comes at the end of some four years of debate and discussion after CTP initiated a review in 2019 to examine how it might improve its communication of key national security information.

A further study by the Royal United Service Institute in 2021, with major contributions from the head of UK CTP and the Executive Director of the Society of Editors, recommended that CTP should explore options to join the Defence and Security Media Advisory (DSMA) Notice system.

At a meeting in early November, committee members decided to include CTP in standing notice 03, but with important caveats to ensure there is no seepage from CTP to routine policing and that only threats to national security or danger to life will be in scope.

DSMA standing notice 03 has been updated on the DSMA website and can be viewed at

[Military, Counter-Terrorism Forces, Special Forces and Intelligence Agency Operations, Activities and Communication Methods and Techniques – The DSMA Notice System](#)

Further details can be obtained from the committee's secretary, Brigadier Geoffrey Dodds, secretary@dsma.uk