

OCS Pledges Commitment to National Business Crime Centre's Safe Spaces Scheme

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We are proud to announce that we are part of twelve leading private security service providers that have pledged to support the National Business Crime Centre's [Safe Spaces scheme](#), which is also known as Operation Portum. This comprehensive initiative invites businesses to participate and contribute to the creation of safer environments within cities, town centers, and retail parks.

By joining this scheme, we have made a commitment to raise awareness among our [security](#) officers about Operation Portum's core principles. Additionally, we will provide guidance to our private security personnel on how to effectively support and assist individuals who may feel vulnerable. Our dedication to this cause underscores their commitment to fostering safety and well-being in communities.

The response we have had from the private security industry to the scheme has been tremendous. With so many of the large security companies joining the scheme, there will be thousands of security staff up and down the country given training on the scheme and know what to do if someone is feeling unsafe and asks for their help. By working together we can help people feel safer in their communities.

Supt Patrick Holdaway

NBCC lead There are many reasons why someone may feel vulnerable or unsafe when they are out. Private security staff can provide a reassuring presence as someone in a uniform that can be trusted to help someone in need of help. I am pleased that so many private security companies have signed up the NBCC's Safe Spaces scheme working collaboratively to protect any individual who requires support.

Assistant Chief Constable Samantha Millar

National Police Chiefs' Council lead for violence against women and girls [OCS](#) is proud to support the National Safe Spaces scheme. This initiative aligns with our commitment to enhancing community safety and providing a secure environment. By training our security colleagues on the principles of Operation Portum, we can ensure that vulnerable individuals receive the support they need. We believe in the power of collaboration and are dedicated to playing our part in making public spaces safer.

Steven Moore

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