

Bidvest Noonan Launches Counter-Terror Training Programme Aligned with UK Protective Security Guidance

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As the United Kingdom prepares for the introduction of *Martyn's Law*, [Bidvest Noonan](#) has launched a new Protective Security Training Programme designed to enhance preparedness for terror-related incidents and promote safer public spaces.

The initiative began with comprehensive training for control room operators, trauma-trained medics, and security officers, focused on rapid decision-making and coordination during major incidents. This was followed by a live, scenario-based counter-terror exercise at *White City Place* in London, home to a range of high-profile tenants and offering a realistic urban environment for the simulation.

The exercise recreated the "Platinum 10 Minutes," the critical window immediately following a major incident when decisive action can save lives. The scenario simulated a *Vehicle as a Weapon* (VAW) attack and was supported by Turret Training, St John Ambulance, and specialists from St Barts Hospital.

Authorities, including the National Protective Security Authority (NPSA) and ProtectUK, warn that *Marauding Terrorist Attacks* (MTAs) and vehicle-based assaults remain among the most likely forms of attack. Such incidents can unfold without warning, and most casualties occur before emergency services arrive. Recent attacks, from Westminster Bridge and London Bridge in 2017 to the Liverpool vehicle incident in May 2025, underscore the ongoing need for rapid, informed on-site response.

Bidvest Noonan's new programme delivers realistic, site-specific training that translates national counter-terror guidance into practical capability for private-sector security teams.

“Incidents like these unfold in seconds, not minutes. Our goal is to ensure that when the worst happens, our teams are ready to act decisively and protect lives. By simulating real threats in real environments, we’re giving our people the skills and confidence to respond under pressure,” said Greg Beech, Director of Operations, Bidvest Noonan.

“It was an intense but valuable experience. The realism of the exercise helped us understand how crucial communication and quick thinking are in those first moments,” said a participant. Aligned with Home Office and NPSA frameworks, the programme anticipates the forthcoming *Protect Duty (Martyn’s Law)*, which will require public-facing organisations to enhance their counter-terrorism measures. Future training modules will expand to cover bladed-weapon attacks, hostile intruder events, and suspicious-package protocols, providing a comprehensive approach to threat readiness.