

For the attention of
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Dear Sirs,

Please find below my monthly report for the Town Centre beat, submitted for your information.

I am pleased to announce the launch of Operation Commonwealth to target the supply of controlled drugs in Torquay. The Town Centre Team are supporting this operation with all available resources and we have already started to see an increase in information from the community and executed a search warrant on Melville Street last week resulting in a seizure of drugs and cash. I have attached the write up of the operation below;

The Neighbourhood Policing Teams of Torquay are committed to disrupting the supply of controlled drugs in our communities and this remains a priority for us. The illicit drug trade is the root cause of much of the crime and anti-social behaviour in our town and it is our ambition to drive it from the area.

Operation Commonwealth is a targeted operation covering all areas of Torquay and supported by the entire Neighbourhood Policing Team as well as specialist resources. The operation seeks to target those who supply controlled drugs and ruin lives for profit.

*We rely on information from the community to target our activity. **Please, if you have any information or suspicions relating to the supply or use of controlled drugs in the area, contact us. If you prefer, you may always contact Crime Stoppers in strict confidence on 0800 555111.***

In recent times the Town Centre Team has executed over a dozen Misuse of Drugs Act search warrants at various addresses around the patch acting on community intelligence - we will always act where enough information exists.

The night time economy area of the patch is becoming busier as we head into the holiday season, the opening of several new night-spots has contributed to an increase in footfall, and I am pleased to say

that thus far there has been no corresponding increase in crime or disorder. We continue to police and monitor the area, working closely with the licensing trade.

We are still receiving sporadic reports of vagrancy and related anti-social behaviour, particularly around Lucuis Street and will continue to deal robustly with any issues whilst on patrol. We have installed a temporary CCTV camera in the area and residents are encouraged to report any problems to us in the usual way.

The tragic events in Manchester and London remind us all of the need to be vigilant and report any suspicions, no matter how inconsequential they may seem. The terrorist threat is serious and ongoing. Our community can help to prevent terrorism by being alert to possible suspicious activities.

Terrorists have to live somewhere, and they need to plan and prepare for attacks. They buy and store materials, fund their activities, move around, prepare equipment and weapons and possibly undergo training. They may have people helping them - and these people might come and go at strange times of the day and night. They may make unusual financial transactions or use false documents to hide their real identities. They may be behaving differently from how you've known them to behave in the past. Members of the public may spot such activities, and if reported in time, a planned terrorist attack may be stopped before it happens.

If you are aware of something suspicious, trust your instincts and report it to the police. What might seem insignificant on its own could actually provide a vital link in a wider investigation.

Terrorists often use the Internet to promote extremism and terrorism. The Terrorism Acts 2000 and 2006 made it illegal to have or share information that could be useful to terrorists, share information that urges people to commit or help with acts of terrorism, or glorify or praise terrorism. If you come across extremist or terrorist content you find online, you should report it without delay.

As ever, please feel free to contact me or any of the team with any questions or concerns regarding the policing of the area.

Yours Sincerely,

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