

# STAKEHOLDER INFORMATION



## **Stakeholder briefing following major incident on Hart Road, Southport**

Following the stakeholder meeting this weekend we have changed the format of this briefing to provide pertinent advice and guidance for stakeholders following the major incident on Hart Road, Southport, and subsequent disorder that has taken place.

### **Key updates at 8.30pm on Tuesday, 06/08/24:**

**Arrests and charges** – Following disorder in Southport and Liverpool in the last week, 15 people have been charged with violent disorder. 11 people appeared at Liverpool Magistrates' Court yesterday (Monday 5 August) and a further two today (Tuesday 6 August). A specialist team has been put in place to investigate the disorder that has taken place on our streets. In total, 11 of the 13 people were remanded into custody to appear before Liverpool Crown Court later this month. Three will be sentenced tomorrow (Wednesday 7 August). Two youths were conditionally bailed. 10 of those who appeared in court pleaded guilty and will be sentenced later this month. Our latest press release is here:

<https://www.merseyside.police.uk/news/merseyside/news/2024/august/13-people-appear-in-court-charged-in-connection-with-violent-disorder-in-southport-and-liverpool/>

**Section 60 Order Extended** – A Section 60 Order has been extended in Liverpool giving officers additional powers to search suspects. The order was put in place at 2.05pm today (Tuesday 6 August) and will stay in place until 4am on Wednesday 7 August. The extension has been introduced to prevent incidents of disorder and criminality. The Order, under S60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, gives officers enhanced powers to stop and search individuals in the area and is designed to minimise serious violence.

**Disorder investigation team** – A large specialist team of investigators has been set up to identify those involved in the disorder that has taken place in Southport and Liverpool. They are trawling through hours of body worn camera and CCTV footage and we are doing everything within our power to get those people charged and put before the courts for remand and ultimately behind bars. In the coming days and weeks, we will expect to see further arrests and charges.

**Providing information in relation to disorder** – We are asking partners who have any information or intelligence to submit it via the Merseyside Police website ([Community partnership intelligence | Merseyside Police](#)). On submission a reference number will be given. Unfortunately, there is no ability to upload photographs or documents on the website. So, if there are accompanying documents, the person providing the submission can upload the documents via e-mail to [COMMCEN@merseyside.police.uk](mailto:COMMCEN@merseyside.police.uk) using the reference number provided from the original website submission.

## **Latest information for local businesses and partners**

**Police response to violent disorder** – We are prepared for any further disorder in Merseyside and have significant amount of officers trained at all levels of public order. We are utilising numerous public order tactics and have the support of our neighbouring forces whenever required. You will continue to see high-visibility patrols across Merseyside in response to the disorder, please do engage with officers and raise any concerns. Watch and share our latest video here:

<https://x.com/MerseyPolice/status/1820833873724416205>

**Understanding your concerns** – We understand that members of our business and hospitality communities will be concerned about the current events and what will happen in the future. We are aware that some premises are voluntarily closing in anticipation of any further disorder. We want to reassure you that we have significant police resources and trained officers available for the foreseeable future and are liaising directly with local authorities and key partners. If we receive any specific intelligence related to a business or location, we will contact you directly. Alongside specialist public order officers, we have local policing officers deployed to key areas to reassure our communities.

**Keeping you updated** – There is a lot of misinformation online. Please follow our official social media channels (@MerseyPolice on [Twitter/X](#) and [Facebook](#)) for the latest updates and visit our website news section for updated statements and press releases: <https://www.merseyside.police.uk/news/news-search/>

**Support for the hospitality sector** – UKHospitality (the leading trade body for hospitality) has brought together a Support Hub to signpost businesses towards advice and guidance that may be helpful for those impacted. This is structured around practical and economic support, safety and public areas, and wellbeing for staff and operators. For more information, visit:

<https://www.ukhospitality.org.uk/guidance/support-hub-for-hospitality-businesses-affected-by-riots/>

**Free helplines for affected businesses** – Large scale disorder and related violence will be distressing for staff and customers. [Hospitality Action](#) and the [Licensed Trade Charity](#) run free helplines and advice for you and your staff. Hospitality Action's 24/7 helpline is 0808 802 0282. Licensed Trade Charity's 24/7 helpline is 0808 801 0550.

## **Merseyside Police Hate Crime Advice and Support**

**Engagement with premises that could potentially be targeted by right protest groups** – Throughout the last week specialist officers from our Designing Out Crime Unit have been working with vulnerable premises including local mosques, other places of worship and places that house those seeking asylum to target harden premises. Our local policing officers have also been providing visible reassurance and support to all communities.

**Hate crime** – Merseyside Police has dedicated Hate Crime coordinators who lead teams of specially trained officers. The teams monitor, assess, and investigate hate crimes across Merseyside, ensuring that victims are supported throughout the process, and we do all in our power to ensure that offenders are put before the courts. You can report hate crime directly to the police or via charities and organisations that provide specialist support services for victims of hate crime. More information on what is available can be found here: [How to report hate crime | Merseyside Police](#). Always call 999 if a crime is in progress.

If you have information on any form of hate crime, you can contact the Merseyside Police social media desk via X @MerPolCC or Facebook 'Merseyside Police Contact Centre'. More information about reporting hate crime to the police or third-party reporting centres can be found here: [How to report hate crime | Merseyside Police](#).

## **External Hate Crime Support Partner Agencies**

Victim Care Merseyside is a single point of contact for victims of crime living in Merseyside. The team of trained and knowledgeable staff are available to provide emotional and practical support tailored to your needs. To get in touch, freephone 0808 175 3080 weekdays 8 am - 6 pm or visit their website: <http://victimcaremerseyside.org>.

For advice or support, you can speak to a member of the Anthony Walker Foundation Hate Crime Team. To get in touch, call 0151 237 3974 or email [support@anthonywalkerfoundation.org.uk](mailto:support@anthonywalkerfoundation.org.uk).

You can also call 101 or contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

If, for any reason, you do not wish to report a hate crime to the police, the independent charity Stop Hate UK runs a 24/7 confidential helpline for all victims of hate crime on 0800 138 1625 or [www.stophateuk.org](http://www.stophateuk.org). You can also download the Stop Hate UK reporting app on Google Play, or the Apple App Store.

Did you know the Home Office provide protective security schemes for mosques that may be vulnerable to hate crime? These schemes aim to reduce hate crimes happening at places of worship so that people can feel safe to attend worship and practise their religion freely. You can apply for funding via the Home Office via [Protective Security schemes for places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)