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SPECIALIST OPERATIONS

Policy

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Specialist Operations Policy

The Police Service of Scotland (PSoS) is committed to:

- providing specialist assets (personnel and equipment) to support local policing operations and mitigate threat and risks to the public, police officers and police staff.
- providing capability, capacity and resilience to support pre-planned, spontaneous and critical incidents both nationally and locally.
- ensuring staff are effectively identified, trained, accredited and equipped to carry out their respective specialist roles.
- engaging with partners to deliver enhanced national and local resilience.

PSoS Specialist Services includes Air Support; Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN); Dive & Marine; Land Based Search & Rescue; Mounted; Police Dogs; Public Order and Search.

The deployment of Specialist Services assets across Scotland will be assessed under a consistent process that incorporates an intelligence led assessment to threat, risk and operational requirement.