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The Police Service of Scotland (PSoS) is committed to providing an effective, coordinated response to the terrorist threat by ensuring appropriate resources are engaged in partnership with communities and other agencies; in delivering the UK counter terrorism strategy, 'CONTEST'.

CONTEST aims to reduce the risk to the United Kingdom and its interests overseas from terrorism, so that people can go about their lives freely and with confidence, and is organised around four principal workstreams, each comprising a number of focussed objectives:

- **Pursue:** to stop terrorist attacks;
- **Prevent:** to stop people from becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism;
- **Protect:** to strengthen our protection against terrorist attack; and
- **Prepare:** where an attack cannot be stopped, to mitigate its impact.