

NaCTSO showcase counter terrorism expertise at Security & Policing 2025

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NaCTSO made a significant impact at the recently concluded Security & Policing 2025 event, held from March 11-13 at the Farnborough International Exhibition and Conference Centre.

Throughout the three-day event, NaCTSO's Business Engagement Unit maintained a strong presence at their stand in the Government Security Zone, offering valuable insights on protective security measures to businesses and organisations. Visitors had the opportunity to learn about NaCTSO's resources and guidance, specifically tailored to safeguard customers, staff, and visitors from potential terrorist attacks.

Head of the Business Engagement Unit, Detective Inspector Jordan Ford commented that "this year's gathering provided a platform for NaCTSO to demonstrate its latest initiatives and engage with key stakeholders in the security sector"

The event featured a comprehensive program of keynotes and sessions led by NaCTSO representatives. On the first day, Commander Lis Chapple, Deputy Senior National Coordinator for Specialist Operations, described the diversification of threats the UK faces today and the importance of continuing to work with industry to strength our national resilience.

We then heard Head of NaCTSO's Professional Capability announce that a new voluntary register of Counter Terrorism Security Specialists (working title) is anticipated to open for applications from Spring 2026. This will see businesses and organisations looking for CT-specific protective security and preparedness advice be able to consult a register of qualified specialists thanks to an agreement between NaCTSO and the National Protective Security Authority (NPSA)- sponsored Register of Security Engineers and Specialists (RSES).

Day two featured a presentation from the Head of Policy and Guidance, Catherine Ling (pictured below), on the steps which NaCTSO are taking to support organisations in the non regulated space, including all the resource available on ProtectUK.



The final day featured a presentation by the National Disruptive Effects Unit, celebrating the 10th anniversary of Project Servator and highlighting its achievements in disrupting criminal activities, including terrorism.

NaCTSO also showcased its commitment to technological advancements, with representatives from the National Canine Training and Accreditation Scheme – Private Security Industry (NCTAS-P) in attendance. The event provided an excellent opportunity for attendees to engage with front-line subject matter experts and observe demonstrations involving NCTAS-P handlers and dogs.

As the security landscape continues to evolve, NaCTSO's participation in Security & Policing 2025 underscored its vital role in shaping the future of UK security and resilience. The event served as a testament to the organisation's ongoing efforts to equip businesses and public entities with the necessary tools and knowledge to combat terrorism effectively.

