

# Statement in response to the Manchester Arena Inquiry Report

Press release

Commenting on the report of the Inquiry to investigate the events of the 2017 Manchester Arena terror attack, Acting Chief Executive of the Security Industry Authority (SIA) Michelle Russell made the following statement.



Security Industry Authority

[Volume one of the report](#), which addresses the security arrangements at the Arena on the night of 22 May 2017, has been published today.

Our thoughts today are with those who lost loved ones, suffered injuries, and had their lives shattered because of that terrorist attack at the Manchester Arena that night.

Our priority in licensing individual security officers and working with suppliers of private security to improve standards, is always the protection of the public.

The report findings provide learning and reflection for all concerned. It also makes some observations and recommendations about the regulatory framework and aspects of SIA's approach to regulation in and prior to 2017.

Whilst many things have changed since 2017, there is always more that can be learned, and more improvements that can be made.

We are committed to working with the private security industry, law enforcement and other partners in a robust way to make sure the learning from the inquiry's findings is taken forward.

We will continue our follow-up engagement with those involved, study carefully the recommendations published today, and consider any further steps we need to take.

Where there are recommendations about extending the SIA's role or the legislation on the regulatory regime for private security, we will liaise closely with the Home Office on these.

Further information:

- The Security Industry Authority is the organisation responsible for regulating the private security industry in the United Kingdom, reporting to the Home Secretary under the terms of the Private Security Industry Act 2001. Our main duties are: the compulsory licensing of individuals undertaking designated activities; and managing the voluntary Approved Contractor Scheme.
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