

High Footfall Screening Trials

The Joint Security and Resilience Centre (JSaRC), in partnership with the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (the national technical authority for physical protective security, www.cpni.gov.uk), is sponsoring a series of operational deployment trials of high footfall screening concepts at crowded places such as entertainment venues; sports arenas; visitor attractions; and shopping centres.

The aim of this initiative is to promote understanding and awareness of how innovative technologies and operational concepts can be combined to reduce the risk of mass-casualty terrorist attacks without inconveniencing members of the public or impeding the business of the site itself.

The trials focus on techniques for detecting mass-casualty threat items, such as improvised explosive devices and firearms, in high footfall situations (e.g., crowds entering a site) without causing delay or queues. All of the cutting-edge products deployed – many of which have been developed by UK companies – have undergone thorough Government evaluation to establish their detection capability and safety.

Notices will be displayed at sites where trials are taking place and the screening equipment will be visible. Any personal data (e.g., CCTV images) captured during the trials is handled in accordance with data protection regulations and will be deleted at the end of the trial deployment.

These trials will not only enable HM Government, site owners and operators to protect our society more effectively from diverse threats, they also support the growth of the UK security sector which has a rich history of innovation and skill.

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