

Manchester Arena Incident

We understand that many of you may have concerns following last night's incident at Manchester Arena which is being treated as a terrorist attack, however, we will not be cowed by those that seek to sow fear and division and undermine our city and way of life.

In support of the morning messages from GM Lord Mayor, Chief Constable of GM Police and the leader of Manchester City Council, all our facilities will remain **open for business** and we'll be returning to work today, getting back to normal as soon as possible.

While there is no specific intelligence of any further threats to any of our facilities, can we ask that you remain vigilant and ensure you support the security of our buildings.

Following an emergency meeting this morning, all Trust operational staff have received an additional briefing to reinforce our security measures. If you or any of your staff have any concerns, additional enquiries or require more information, please speak with the Operations Manager or Duty Manager, or if appropriate you can contact in confidence the Anti-Terrorist Hotline on 0800 789321.

There is also an emergency number available for those who are concerned about loved ones or anyone who may have been in the area last night - 0161 856 9400.

The Etihad Campus

GM Police are directing anyone who needs help or assistance after last night's incident at Manchester Arena help to visit The Etihad Campus access Gate 11. MCFC are providing a refuge site for those people affected by the incident at Manchester Arena last night. For updates on the incident please follow @gmpolice on twitter. According to TFGM it looks like trams are still running to Etihad Campus and there is no anticipated impact to access to the Campus, the public car parks or the nearby National Cycling Centre.

Want to help?

If you were at or around Manchester Arena last night and have any information that may help Greater Manchester Police in their investigation or if you want to report any suspicious activity call the anti-terrorist hotline 0800 789321 or 999.

Police are appealing in particular for anyone with footage or photos from the concert that may help them piece together what happened to upload them to https://ukpoliceimageappeal.co.uk/CSIPS_Public/upload/choose

Giving Blood - the NHS Blood and Transplant Service is asking people NOT to attend blood banks today unless they have a pre-arranged appointment.

A spokeswoman said they had sufficient stocks to meet the needs of all hospital patients.

However they ARE urging people to attend any pre-booked appointments over the next few days, particularly if they have blood type O negative.

However, they are keen to encourage new donors to register and existing donors to book at Blood.co.uk or call 0300 123 23 23 to find your nearest session here http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/where-donate-blood-greater-manchester-10718196



Missing concert-goers - the #MissinginManchester hashtag has flooded Twitter as worried families and friends of gig-goers desperately await news of their loved ones.

Several people are still missing in the wake of the attack and their pictures are being circulated on social media. Their friends and families are asking people to retweet and share them in the hope of finding them.

A hotline has been set up for anyone concerned about loved ones who may not have returned home. Families and friends can ring 0161 856 9400 or 0161 856 9900.

Want to make a donation – a crowd-funding page has been set-up to help support the families in the aftermath of the attack:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/westandtogethermanchester

Thank-you for your continued support during this challenging period and for the days ahead.