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Dear Madam/Sir

Across Derbyshire there is a rich history when it comes to the holding of Remembrance Events with a large number being held across our city, towns and villages. Derbyshire Constabulary recognises the importance of these events to our local communities and the need for them to be held in a safe and responsible way. Each year we receive a number of requests for support policing Remembrance Day events and so I felt it may be helpful to outline the operational responsibilities of the police service, to ensure clarity and consistency is provided to all across Derbyshire. This position, around our roles and responsibilities, has been in place for over ten years.

When we receive notification of an event, we will conduct a risk assessment to establish whether an operational police presence is required, and what that presence should look like. If we believe an operational presence is necessary, then that presence will be provided as part of our normal policing response. More often than not, events such as Remembrance parades do not require a police presence, and the event can and should be safely managed by the event organisers. Our presence on such occasions would be simply to provide a visible support within our communities. Like all police resources, our Safer Neighbourhood Teams, whom are often the local visible presence, must prioritise their work. This may mean a community event they had been intended to attend to engage and provide a visible presence is not attended because they are elsewhere dealing with higher risk community concerns. I hope you can all support us in that stance.

A common question we are asked is whether it is the responsibility of the police to regulate traffic and manage road closures at these events?  Our powers to regulate traffic are predicated around dealing with emergencies and not necessarily for pre-planned events. It may be that a road closure will not be routinely required for every event however should organisers of a local event wish to arrange for a road closure, the organisers should contact the local authority and take advice on the process which includes how those closures should be managed. This may include the use of traffic management companies and volunteer stewards.

In preparation for Remembrance 2022 we are asking our local policing teams to contact local Royal British Legion representatives to ensure that we have a full understanding of what events are taking place. We will then be able to consider the overall picture and assign appropriate policing resources to carry out our core policing role.  We will take the opportunity to remind organisers that they need to consider the welfare of any persons attending and put in place measures to ensure everyone’s health and safety, which includes obtaining and managing any relevant road closures. It will be my role to ensure the force provides a consistent response across the county and supports local organisers.

Hopefully this clarifies our position from an operational policing perspective and demonstrates our commitment to ensuring that local communities can attend and enjoy these events in a safe and secure way. Remembrance events are an important date for many of those in our communities and we will continue to provide a consistent approach to these events moving forward. Should you have any queries or would like some early advice before planning an event then please contact us through our online portal ([www.derbyshire.police.uk](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.derbyshire.police.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cchristopher.whiteley%40derbyshire.police.uk%7Ce0b8825a99de43e8014e08da3e1f6f05%7Cae0a022d630d4396b8fb58db3061b91b%7C0%7C0%7C637890601967436564%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=pjw6x34mp4aZZLFhPytbn7uSAP%2FPYc%2BQndjE4AyU2Jg%3D&reserved=0)) and ask for operations planning to review your request.

Yours sincerely

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Operational Support