

BOURNEMOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA BENEVOLENT FUND

↻ a charitable fund set up in 1958 to provide financial support for musicians
with prolonged or serious illness or injury ↻

Our Policy on Terrorism

Under the **Terrorism Act 2000**, an individual is required to tell the police 'as soon as is reasonably practicable' if you become aware of information which you know or believe 'might be of material assistance' in preventing an act of terrorism or in securing the arrest, prosecution or conviction of someone involved in 'the commission, preparation or instigation of an act of terrorism'.

You will need to assess whether the information available to you is sufficient to cause you genuinely to suspect strongly that the individual concerned is or has been involved in an act of terrorism.

Each case needs to be considered carefully in light of all the information available to the trustee at the time. In the absence of any information linking that party to an act of terrorism, it may well be that the threshold will not be met, in which case there would be no statutory duty to report it to the police. The fact that the threat level has changed does not alter the reporting threshold.

If you consider that the reporting threshold under the Terrorism Act has not been met, you will then need to consider the general duty of confidentiality and whether disclosure in the public interest might be appropriate.

The Government consider it best practice that to disclose information without consent might be appropriate 'if disclosure would be likely to be necessary for the prevention, detection or prosecution of serious crime, especially crimes against the person'.

You would need to be able to justify any disclosure made, taking into account your knowledge of the individual and the specific information that you have linking the individual to terrorist activity.

Whether you decide to disclose information or not, make sure you keep a detailed record of your reasoning and any discussions.

This guidance was correct at publication on 01/08/2017. It is intended as general guidance for members only. If you need specific advice please consult the Treasurer or Chairman.