



21st March 2020

AS – Central South

BRIEFING NOTE

Dear all,

A short message from me today to tell you that officers from the Met continue to police London this weekend as they have throughout the week. There has been no change to our policing plan and we continue to work in, and with, communities to prevent crime and to catch criminals, amongst so many other things.

Closure of hospitality facilities

I am sure that you are all aware of the government announcement of additional measures requiring leisure and hospitality facilities to close in order to further reduce social contact to manage the spread of Covid-19. No doubt, many of you are working on your own plans and speaking to your own stakeholders to share and implement this advice.

We (The Met) have a good relationship with these sectors in London and fully anticipate voluntary compliance by all relevant businesses and by the public. We are not anticipating a policing response being needed to enforce closures and we will continue to speak with and work with license holders to facilitate a smooth transition.

As I mentioned yesterday (Friday, 20 March), we will be deploying officers in our local areas to provide a reassuring presence and visible policing. We are prioritising frontline officer roles and in some cases are postponing training and taking other measures to achieve this.

We thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Wishing you a safe weekend.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Wingrove". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial 'C'.

Colin Wingrove
Chief Superintendent
BCU Commander – Central South