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Rt. Hon. Andy Slaughter MP
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Dear Andy,

**MANCHESTER SYNAGOGUE AND APPOINTMENT OF THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC
ADVOCATE**

Following the horrific terrorist attack in Manchester yesterday, and in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024 (the Act), I have declared a major incident and have appointed Ms Cindy Butts as the Independent Public Advocate in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act to support victims and their families.

Ms Butts and the IPA will stand alongside victims ensuring they are supported and receive the care, information and advocacy they deserve.

My thoughts are with the victims of this horrific terrorist attack and the Jewish community. No one should feel unsafe in their place of worship, and we must stand together in solidarity when others try to sow fear and division.

I will deposit a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours ever,



THE RT HON. DAVID LAMMY MP
Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice