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Dear Chief Constable

Re: World Cup 2022 Qatar – Sunday 20th November 2022 - Sunday 18th December 2022

Whilst I appreciate there is currently significant operational demand on forces, I am writing to again advise colleagues of relevant details for World Cup 2022 in order that appropriate local plans can be put in place. The tournament will run between the above dates. To assist in planning, I attach a document detailing the dates of matches, an infographic highlighting the scale of football related incidents in the UK during the Euro 2020 (2021) and Russia 2018 World Cup. Significant planning is underway to support all aspects of the operation, both in the UK and overseas, but recent experience shows that we can anticipate increased demand across the country when teams play. It should also be considered that we have previously seen issues around games involving foreign teams who have a significant number of citizens' domicile in the UK. The UKFPU will be coordinating and reporting on national incidents throughout the tournament, and I am linking in to the respective NPCC leads for Domestic Abuse and Licensing to ensure we provide consistent advice. I am also attending various cross Whitehall meetings to ensure our views are represented in broader planning. Whilst I am sure your planning teams will cover the relevant issues in your own contingencies, particular regard should be given to;

- Establishing a World Cup 2022 plan with command structure, identifying Force Leads for Crime, Licensing, Domestic Abuse and media
- Ensuring sufficient resources are in place for anticipated peaks in demand
- Effective liaison and plans are in place with Local Authority licensing departments in relation to the live screening of matches, particularly at large venues
- Consider use of Operational Football Officers
- Identify a nominated SPOC to link into the UK Football Policing Unit

I will keep colleagues appraised of further developments as the event approaches, but should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me, or **********.

Yours sincerely

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