

measures on the market. The police and the DOE technical officer would walk around the house together making their assessment. The police would also give the individual some general, practical advice on their physical security. As terrorist threats changed, so did the advice from the police on how to deal with them.

7. Home visits were an anxious time for the individual concerned. Whilst the police and the DOE technical officer walked around the house, the KPPS member of staff would chat to the individual and try to keep anxiety levels down. They would give the individual some reassurance and a level of comfort that the measures would be as discreet as possible so as to not draw attention to their home. This was a very real concern to some. There were other issues like children who might be present. All this had to be handled very sensitively. I personally have attended a number of home security assessments. Generally these were when the individual concerned was particularly sensitive to issues. On each occasion I was impressed by all concerned and, in particular, the sensitivity and professionalism shown by the police.
8. Following the home security assessment, the police would give us a list of suggested protection measures required for the individual. As the police officers who carried out home security assessments had done this for a number of years, they broadly knew how much the security measures they were proposing cost. The police would obviously try to keep broadly within budget. However, the limit was not prescriptive and if the police decided that something was required to protect the individual, then even if this took the security measures proposed over budget, then we would still consider them. The police recommendations on this were not taken lightly by us.
9. Individuals on the scheme were also entitled to maintenance of the security equipment fitted. In addition when they moved house, and if the individual so wished, work had to be done on the property to put the house back to how it was in order to sell it. If the individual remained on the scheme, security measures at the new home then had to be