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The MPS has a 4 step approach to granting s60 authorisations; Grounds, Rank, Tactical Plan & Human Rights.

1. Grounds (HIT)

History	set the scene, what is the back story?	previous stabbing, local sporting derby, violence at previous events, significant increase in knife-point robberies....
Intelligence	what is the specific intel?	Revenge for previous stabbing, social media threats, weapons cache found, groups seen forming up....
Threat	is it a s60 threat?	1) may involve <u>serious violence</u> or 2) to find the weapon used or 3) <u>weapons</u> are being carried

So taking the above as a whole, do you have reasonable grounds to **believe** (not suspect) the threat is serious and real? If so consider a s60.

2. Correct rank (impractical test)

An Inspector may authorise a s60 if it is **impractical** to inform a Superintendent at the time of authorisation. It would be impractical to inform a Superintendent if the threat is imminent and the delay incurred by informing a Superintendent would result in reducing the efficacy of the authority. In all other cases a Superintendent should be informed.

3. Tactical Plan (ALTERS)

Aim	Are you clear what you are trying to achieve? Prevent a revenge attack, find a weapon etc. Got a <u>distinct</u> description of suspects? then consider s1 powers.	
Location	No wider than necessary for the aim. (Borough wide should be exceptional)	
Time	No longer than necessary for the aim.	
Engagement	<i>Internal:</i> how to brief front line, other BCU's, need to brief up?..... <i>External:</i> social media, IAG's, local MP, BTP, MoD Police, CMG Chair....	
Resources	Do you have enough and the right people to deliver the aim? Need TSG, Dogs, VCTF, other Forces?	
Selection	Is there any guidance you can give to assist officers selecting whom to search? Needs to be unpredictable but must reflect and be <u>connected</u> to the aim, e.g anyone leaving a location, anyone attending the match or event.	

4. Human Rights (PLAN)

Final check it is human rights compliant?

Proportionate:	The geography, time period, resources and selection all reflect the aim.	YES/NO
Legal:	Has the HIT given you reasonable grounds to believe the threat? Are you the right rank to authorise?	YES/NO
Accountable:	In addition to established corporate and local S&S scrutiny, enough engagement with IAG, MP, CMG, Social media etc?	YES/NO
Necessary	The threat is serious and real enough to justify innocent people having their human right to private life (Art 8) infringed.	YES/NO

If yes to all then you can authorise.