

# Man, Mohammad Farooq, charged with terrorism after Leeds hospital bomb scare

[A 27-year-old man](#) has been charged with a terror offence after he was arrested in the [grounds of St James Hospital](#) in Leeds in possession of a firearm and a suspected explosive device. *His name has an 'M' quotient – what a surprise! Not.*

Mohammad Farooq from the Roundhay area of Leeds, is due to appear before Westminster Magistrates Court on Friday morning charged with three offences.



A member of the bomb disposal unit at St James's Hospital, Leeds, on Friday | CREDIT: Ben Lack/PA

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terrorism, contrary to section 5 of the Terrorism Act 2006; one count of possessing an imitation firearm with intent to cause fear of violence, contrary to Section 16(a) of the Firearms Act 1968 and one offence of keeping an explosive with intent to endanger life or property, contrary to Section 3 of the Explosive Substances Act 1883.

Detective Chief Superintendent James Dunkerley is Head of Counter Terrorism Policing North East. He said: "We understand people may have concerns following last week's arrest and the resulting charges. For Counter Terrorism policing and its partners, public safety remains our priority at all times and an extensive and thorough investigation has led to the charges brought today. These enquiries have confirmed our initial assessment that this was an isolated incident. We are satisfied that there is currently no evidence of an increased risk to the public, within our communities or the UK hospital estate . . . history has shown us we can't afford to be complacent. "

*Lets see what we learn when he is before the Crown Court in due course. As many are pointing out on twitter, this is not the first attempt to attack not just a hospital but the maternity unit; remember Remembrance Sunday 2021 when the fake convert to Christianity, [Emad Al Swealmeen](#), blew himself up outside Liverpool Women's Hospital. Had it not been for the quick wits of the taxi driver in realising what he was about, and who locked him in his cab quick who knows how many women and children he would have murdered.*