

SIS works secretly overseas to make the UK safer and more prosperous.

We gather secret foreign intelligence to inform government decisions. Intelligence that helps to disrupt terrorism... avert nuclear proliferation... prevent and resolve conflict.; and protect UK military forces deployed overseas.

As one of the three pillars of the UK's intelligence community, we work in partnership with MI5, GCHQ, and other departments and agencies to achieve the government's aims. Our work is secret in order to protect our people and operations.

We reflect the values of British society... and work within the ethical framework of a modern democracy... fully accountable to government ministers, UK Law and Parliamentary scrutiny. We use our legally granted powers only where necessary and proportionate to the tasks we receive from Government.

We use a range of sophisticated technologies, but our focus is human intelligence. So it's our people... representing every aspect of modern Britain... who enable us to fulfil our mission.