

Press Release

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Hounslow community team achieve Edexcel BTEC award

Members of the London Borough of Hounslow community environment team are the first learners to qualify with a level 2 BTEC Award in Community Safety for Accredited Persons.

Part of a strategy *Investing in Safer Communities* the London Borough of Hounslow worked with training provider Training For Success and awarding body, Edexcel, to allow study time to be incorporated within the normal working schedule, using a mix of classroom and resource material on CD ROM.

Ian Kirke, Managing Director from Training For Success said:

“We are delighted to announce the successful completion of the inaugural Community Safety for Accredited Persons programme. Candidates have reported back very positively about the blended learning experience, with all 20 community environment officers achieving the qualification.”

This qualification provides evidence of training required by a Chief Officer of Police who intends to appoint an accredited person, under section 41 of the Police Reform Act 2002. An accredited person is a person employed by an organisation (other than a police force) in a community safety role.

The Hounslow community environment team studied the policies that aim to reduce crime in communities, resolving problems related to crime, disorder and antisocial behaviour and how to issue fixed penalty notices. In common with many of those working in public-facing roles, sometimes in confrontational circumstances, they also studied communication and conflict management skills and how to undertake a dynamic risk assessment, as well as looking at issues connected to social inclusion and diversity.

Sallyann Baldry, Edexcel said:

“We’re seeing a number of public and private organisations interested in this BTEC qualification. They can see the benefits of being part of the extended police family, adding status and skills to their workforce and improving co-operative working with the police. Those holding a Security Industry Authority licence can be fast tracked through this qualification, making it cost effective for guarding companies. Waitrose has already started the programme for a number of their in-house security officers.”

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Notes to editors:

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Training For Success is accredited by the Institute of Criminal Justice Studies at The University of Portsmouth.

Employers and Training Providers seeking to offer the new qualification should email salesupport@edexcel.org.uk

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An accredited person is a person employed by an organisation (other than a police force) in a community safety role, who has been accredited by a Chief Officer of Police under section 41 of the Police Reform Act 2002. The Chief Officer of Police may confer an accredited person with limited police powers which are set out in Schedule 5 of the Act. In order to accredit a person, the Chief Officer of Police must be satisfied that their employer is fit and proper, and that the individual concerned is suitable and has received adequate training.

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- BTEC award in door supervision
- BTEC award in security operations
- BTEC award in vehicle immobilisation
- BTEC award in CCTV operation public space surveillance
- BTEC certificate in close protection operations
- BTEC award in key holding and alarm response
- BTEC award in the delivery of conflict management training
- NVQ providing security services