

Development work continues on CT Security Qualification

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Following the election and the recent King's Speech, you will have likely heard that the Terrorism (Protection of Premises) Draft Bill, also known as Martyn's Law, is being prioritised by the new Government.

We, the Competent Persons Scheme (CPS) Team have always believed that the two streams of work being delivered by the CPS Team, a register of specialists and a qualification, will best serve the public and be a supporting tool for Martyn's Law. The CPS does not form part of the legislation or its requirements.

The Counter Terrorism Security Specialist Register (CTSSR) will be a resource that provides the details of verified counter terrorism protective security and preparedness experts, who can consult and advise businesses and premises to mitigate their risks. We are currently reviewing the options to proceed with this to ensure a robust and fit-for-purpose solution.

The Competent Person in the Workplace (CPIW) qualification will be an Ofqual-accredited, Level 3 Certificate. The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual) sets the standards and provides confidence in formally recognised qualifications in England, and we are in talks to confirm recognition, and accreditation, across the devolved regulators. To support the design and meet necessary requirements to obtain Ofqual-recognition of the qualification, we have had the support of Metropolitan Police's managed service training provider, who have been consulting with and guiding us through the process of achieving this as specialist educational advisors. We are about to enter the next phase, where we will select an appropriate awarding body to take the proposed syllabus and course outline to Ofqual for approval. Only after this occurs will any training provider be able to apply to the awarding body to deliver the course.

At this time, no training providers have been selected or pre-approved to deliver it, and we caution against relying on the services of any trainers or consultancies claiming otherwise.

Whilst we continue to work on the CTSSR and CPIW, we would like to thank all the supporters we

have had in their development - especially to those who attended and contributed to the workshops following their expression of interest through ProtectUK, NaCTSO's single authoritative voice and the only source for new CPS updates.

Neither NaCTSO nor the Home Office, endorse any third-party suppliers claiming to help support compliance with Martyn's Law. The draft provisions of the Bill are not yet law and are subject to change.

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