

Competent Persons Scheme

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The Competent Persons Scheme (CPS) aims to upskill and professionalise the Counter Terrorism Protective Security and Preparedness sphere.

It's development is being explored alongside our partners at the Home Office following the Monitored Recommendations from the Manchester Arena Inquiry. It will also aim to be an enabler of Martyn's Law.

The CPS Team at NaCTSO examined multiple options to identify what the best route to market would be. This involved analyses of new and existing products in the market, as well as several open surveys.

Following this, the decision was reached that the most effective and welcomed option would be to divide the Scheme into two distinct pathways:

- An Ofqual-certified, Level 3 qualification, accessible to anyone, with the working title of Competent Person in the Workplace (CPIW). This will be based on authoritative threat and mitigation guidance from official sources at NaCTSO and our partners. If you would like more information or to register your interest for the Qualification, please go to [Counter Terrorism - Competent Person in the Workplace Certificate - SFJ](#)
- There will also be a register of verified counter terrorism protective security specialists, with the working title of the Counter Terrorism Security Specialists Register (CTSSR). This will provide businesses and consumers with a verified list of CT protective security and preparedness specialist advisors. If you would like more information about the register, please contact RSES directly <https://www.rses.org.uk>

Both the CPIW and the CTSSR continue to be developed and reviewed.

Please note, we cannot comment on any commercial aspects of the scheme.

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