



PRESS RELEASE

Just over 12 months ago, here at Key Training, we welcomed our first British Transport Police learner onto one of our hugely popular short courses, funded through the Adult Education Budget. It was an exciting prospect but little did we know just what a fantastic partnership we had embarked upon! Since then we have had over 80 successful completions in NCFE/CACHE Level 2 courses such as Safeguarding & Prevent, Specific Learning Difficulties, Equality & Diversity, Mental Health and Challenging Behaviour to name but a few...and BTP employees from across various regions just keep on coming back for more.

The courses are all distance learning, completed online with the support of a dedicated tutor, and generally take between 6 and 12 weeks. Feedback from both learners and staff has been very positive and we have seen some excellent working relationships develop. There is no mandate from the BTP for their employees to sign up - we believe it is the positive impact that training in areas such as mental health and challenging behaviour is having on the diverse communities that they serve that is the driving force, alongside keeping their CPD current and validated. Undertaking a course whilst in employment can be a challenge and Key Training tutors have been impressed by the dedication and commitment shown by BTP employees, as well as the high quality of the work they submit.

Rhiain Cooper, (Apprenticeship Levy and PEQF Implementation Manager, BTP Learning and Development Centre) leads on this initiative and is keen to develop it further, with the potential for more employees to become involved on the horizon. Superintendent Darren Malpas is also grateful for the range of CPD opportunities "I like these courses as they are not specific to policing. They are quite basic but the knowledge obtained can be applied in work and also out "in the real world". I am very pleased to hear that so many of my colleagues have successfully completed such a wide range of courses".

Key Training currently offer 10 different short courses, with more launching soon, and would like nothing better than to share more of these with the BTP – long may the partnership continue.

