



Surrey Police

When Surrey Police need to find an external training provider to deliver one of their key training programmes, they know exactly what attributes they are looking for.

High on the list of requirements is for the provider to either have attained Skillsmark recognition, or to be in the process of applying for it.

Skillsmark is the only quality mark to focus solely on training and development within the Justice sector. It is awarded to learning providers who have gone through a rigorous assessment process and have been recognised as providing high quality learning programmes, relevant to the needs of the Justice sector.

Surrey Police are themselves a Skillsmark recognised provider. Their in-house Initial Police Learning and Development Programme (IPLDP) has been judged to meet the high standards required in order to attain Skillsmark endorsement.

Superintendent Neil Boon is Head of Training at Surrey Police. He said:

"Having been involved with Skillsmark for some time now, it was a natural progression for us to begin to ask external providers to show the same commitment to quality that we have with our own in-house training programmes. For us, Skillsmark is that badge of quality."

The programme in question was the nationally approved Initial Crime Investigators Development Programme. The objective of implementing this training is to standardise the quality of detective training on a national level.

Because Skillsmark requires training programmes to be based wherever possible on National Occupational Standards (NOS), employers can ensure that Skillsmark-endorsed training programmes meet nationally agreed standards. What's more, the training will help contribute to standardised performance across the board.

Neil says:

"In the future, training providers within the Justice sector will start to see more and more of this. Employers are starting to see the value in only purchasing training from Skillsmark accredited providers, and I hope it will eventually be a standard requirement."

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