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Dear Lee

Level 3 Introductory Certificate for Entry to the Uniformed Services Level 3 Certificate for Entry to the Uniformed Services Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (540) Level 3 Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services (720) Level 3 Extended Diploma for Entry to the Uniformed Services

The qualification develops the students' knowledge, understanding and practical skills across a range of Uniformed Services practices. It enables the learner to further develop knowledge and skills including leadership skills, physical fitness and prepares the learner for a career in the Uniformed Services.

I am the Curriculum Leader responsible for the Uniformed Services Department at Sunderland College. I am responsible for the management and running of L1, L2, L3 and HND in Uniformed Public Services. Typical destinations for our learners from the L3 programme is into employment within the uniformed public services or onto Higher Education.

Having reviewed the new Level 3 units, I feel this qualification is better aligned with the industry sector requirements and find these extremely beneficial and more aligned to my learners needs and would be interested in moving to this qualification once available/approved. The flexibility of having different qualification sizes, not only supports centre retention but allows learners flexible programmes of study to support progression into the workplace. This qualification would facilitate a progression route to most uniformed services which typical entry age is 18yrs old and also supports progression to higher education.

At present we have 85 learners studying the L3 Year 1 and Year 2 programme and we are planned for 110 for next academic year.



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This qualification better prepares learners for industry as it is relevant and current and find the content develops work skills need for employment and study skills for higher education.

The focus on development of skills and knowledge at this level prepares learners for progression into a range of higher level qualifications within the Public Services sector. Learners may also choose to use the skills and knowledge developed as a basis for seeking employment within Public Services and related sectors.

I confirm that we fully support this suite of Uniformed Services qualifications and that this letter can be displayed on the NCFE website.

Yours faithfully,

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