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Dear Lisa

Letter of support for the Pearson BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Uniformed Protective Services

As an employer in the sector, we recognise the following qualifications as being fit for purpose:

603/5067/2	<i>Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Uniformed Protective Services</i>
603/5069/6	<i>Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Foundation Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services</i>
603/5066/0	<i>Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services</i>
603/5068/4	<i>Pearson BTEC Level 3 National Extended Diploma in Uniformed Protective Services</i>

The qualifications will support learners to progress to Apprenticeships, Initial Training or employment in a range of job roles across the Uniformed Services industry by allowing learners to develop a broad range of skills to meet the needs of an individual employer or sector.

Below details some of the roles that learners could progress to within the prison service:

- Prison Officer (via Prison Officer Entry Level Training - POELT, which can also be done after the stepping stone of a related degree, e.g. Criminology)
- Probation Officer (via Level 6 Degree Apprenticeship Standard)
- Forensic Psychologist (via stepping stone of Higher Education and related degree and Masters programmes), when taken alongside other relevant qualifications e.g. A-level in Psychology or Chemistry.

For such roles, we believe that these qualifications provide an appropriate level of knowledge and skills, meeting the needs of the sector and the individual. The qualification will also support the individual, should they chose to progress in to further or higher training.

We are happy for Pearson to use this letter in support of its work with government and its agencies, to ensure that this invaluable qualification can continue to be recognised for college performance tables and 19+ funding.

Yours sincerely

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