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Securitas partners with Skills for Security to pilot new BSIA-approved and CPD accredited electronic security training programme**

Employees of Securitas UK’s Electronic Security (ES) and Security Solutions divisions have been given priority access to a set of newly developed security system design courses, thanks to a partnership with leading security training provider, Skills for Security.

Delivered through a customised virtual training portal, Securitas employees of all levels of experience are enhancing their knowledge of the latest British and European Standards for the design of electronic security systems, including video surveillance, intruder detection, fire detection and access control.

Skills for Security is a wholly owned subsidiary of the British Security Industry Association (BSIA) and is the largest UK provider in the delivery of fire and security training, priding itself in offering flexible and accessible provisions to ensure there are no barriers to learning. In the last two years, Skills for Security has invested in its infrastructure and staffing to ensure the highest quality of training is guaranteed, with over 250 apprentices enrolled on their apprenticeship programme, in centres in Warrington, Birmingham, Oxford and Southport.

Access to the new courses will initially be offered to all client-facing employees of the Securitas Electronic Security and Solutions business units, who range from Business Development Managers, System Designers and Engineers, to Technical Support and Project Teams. Support staff will also be given the opportunity to improve their understanding of the industry in due course.

At the centre of the partnership are Arthur Agnew, Head of Electronic Security at Securitas UK and David Scott, Managing Director of Skills for Security.

Speaking about the launch of the new training courses, Arthur Agnew explained:

“At Securitas UK, we ensure our 9,000 staff have access to a huge variance of knowledge through our in-house Learning Management System. Adding Skills for Security to our portfolio of training modules strengthens our aim to have the best trained staff in the industry and supports our ambition to double our Electronic Security and Security Solutions business. Continued investment in our people is at the heart of this strategy, whose knowledge of ever advancing security technology is vitally important to our clients. By ensuring consistent understanding and implementation of the latest security standards across the team, we can help make the world a safer place for our clients and each other.”

Commenting on the close collaboration between Skills for Security and Securitas, David Scott said:

“Securitas was the perfect partner to trial our new set of electronic security design courses with their specialist staff; as BSIA members, it is one of the many BSIA membership benefits we are proud to offer. We identified a gap in the market and have worked closely with Arthur and his team to gather valuable feedback and ensure the courses are fit for purpose and ready for a nationwide roll out. With our full focus on enhancing the skills of people across the security industry, Skills for Security is excited that Securitas and its employees are leading the way with this exciting initiative.”

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**Skills for Security** is the UK’s largest fire and security apprenticeship provider, playing a key role in apprenticeship training across the Electronic Fire & Security sector in the North West and beyond, through a range of mixed delivery methods that has a reach like no other across the whole of England.

Based in Warrington, Skills for Security is rated by Ofsted as ‘good’ and has satellite training centres in Birmingham, Bradford and Southport.

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Our dedicated Electronic Security (ES) division specialises in providing the security and fire safety systems of tomorrow. From video surveillance and access management to intruder detection and fire protection, our expert team design, integrate, monitor and maintain the latest intelligent technology; offering in-depth knowledge and an innovative approach to protect businesses of all sizes across the UK.

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