



Diploma in SAM Update Report

The Diploma continues to prove popular. The latest iteration of the course has attracted 15 students. This is slightly down on previous courses and the team are looking at attracting further interest from Central Government The Police and the Health Service. At the time of writing this update 4 students have enrolled on the Autumn/Winter iteration of the course

Neil Webster has established links with a senior representative within the NHS which will hopefully come to fruition although it is recognised that parts of the offering might have to be re-written to make it more relevant to this audience.

The Blue Light Services have not been particularly well represented to date, but we now have a senior contact within the Police Service, so we are hopeful of attracting interest from forces across the UK.

A big thank you to Richard Wynne who has supported and presented module 4 for several of its iterations. Unfortunately, Richard is having to step away from presenting due to health issues and his enthusiasm knowledge and support will be missed. If you know of anyone who would be interested in stepping into Richards role to present module 4 please do not hesitate to contact me Malcolm.669williams@btinternet.com mob no 07581544217. The other 6 presenters of the course have confirmed their continued support for the next iteration of the course which is much appreciated.

We are exploring other collaborative initiatives with CIPFA now and as soon as we have substantive information this will be put before Council for further consideration. A joint washup session of ACES/CIPFA will be held in June to review course content and feedback to ensure the Diploma stays as up to date and relevant as possible.

It was always acknowledged that the diploma would have finite life and critical mass to make it financially viable to ACES and although other opportunities are being pursued perhaps it is time to look at remodelling ACES finances without the Diploma income.

Malcolm Williams ACES Course Coordinator

April 2025

Addendum

In addition to noting Malcolm's report, Council is requested to approve:

- 1. An honorarium for Malcolm Williams for the year to April 2025 in the sum of £650.**
- 2. The gifting of a half case of wine for Richard Wynne for his valuable contribution to the SAM Diploma course and following his need to step back from his role.**