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The next generation of nuclear professionals take up full time roles at Sellafield...

Apprentices at Sellafield are the first in the UK nuclear industry to complete one of the newly developed nuclear 'trailblazing' apprenticeships.

10 Nuclear Health Physics Monitor (NHPM) apprentices successfully finished their two-year programme this summer and are taking up full time roles on the Sellafield site.

A 'trailblazer' is made up of a group of employers who work together to design new apprenticeship standards for occupations within their sectors that are relevant to business and industry.

Richard Orme, capability lead for Sellafield said: **"We led the development and delivery of this trailblazer programme alongside NSAN (National Skills Academy for Nuclear) due to our previous experience and success in delivery of health physics apprenticeships. However, its success has been a significant team effort on a national scale involving health physics employer representatives from AWE, Babcock Marine, EDF Energy, Magnox Ltd, Nuvia and Radwise."**

This event also marks a first for NSAN who earlier this year got the green light from government to operate an Apprentice Assessment Organisation (AAO).

Roland Fletcher, Product Development Manager for NSAN commented; **"This was the first cohort of apprentices to undertake their End Point Assessment through NSAN's AAO. This is an exciting time for apprenticeships. With the development of more employer led trailblazer programmes, NSAN is ready to provide the support the**

sector needs for the inception, design, implementation and delivery.”

Another 12 NHPM apprentices have started the trailblazer this September.

NSAN is also a registered AAO for the newly developed Nuclear Technician Apprenticeship.

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Notes to editors

The National Skills Academy for Nuclear is a 'not for profit' membership organisation that exists to improve the performance of companies in the nuclear industry through collaboration and action on skills. NSAN is aiding in improving skills in the nuclear industry by setting the highest standards of excellence, leading the sourcing and provision of skills solutions and expanding our sector's capabilities. NSAN works collaboratively to deliver outstanding levels of service, enhancing the value we provide to members.

NSAN was approved by government on the 24th September 2007. NSAN is currently celebrating its 10th anniversary during 2017.

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