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In April 2018 the College of Policing introduced mandatory training in policing events for all Public Order / Public Safety commanders and their advisors.

This new training was developed by working closely with Professor Keith Still and incorporates selected areas from the Manchester Metropolitan University's Crowd Safety and Risk Analysis master's programme.

This enabled the training to provide commanders and advisors a full day of crowd science content, giving them knowledge and understanding of key crowd science tools before providing the opportunity to test their learning in bespoke scenarios.

The understanding of crowd science, developed by completing the course, enables commanders and advisors to recognise potential crowd safety issues at the planning stage of an operation, which in turn allows them to highlight any risk and where appropriate put measures in place to mitigate it.

Crucially this training, and the learning standards it sets, comes at a time when policing is reviewing its role at public events.

Police commanders now recognise the importance of critically reviewing the plans of event organisers, and where necessary articulating concerns regarding crowd safety management to other stakeholders in the event licensing process. What they learn from the 'Events Module' supports them in that role.

In the months since the 'Events Module' was introduced hundreds of police commanders and advisors have successfully passed the four day course, and the feedback from those attending it has been positive.

By April 2019 all strategic, tactical and operational commanders across England and Wales, and those advising them, will have completed event training.