

Richard Ross is an Army veteran of the Corps of Royal Engineers, leaving in 2002, and has since accumulated a further 23-year career as a security specialist across various sectors, including the National Health Service.

Richard holds a Master's Degree in Terrorism and Security, graduating with distinction and receiving the best postgraduate award, alongside a comprehensive portfolio of professional qualifications. He is an NHS Accredited Security Management Specialist (ASMS), proudly serving the UK's National Health Service (NHS) as a Local Security Management Specialist (LSMS) and a specialist Security Consultant. Richard is considered an expert in Integrated Security Management and has forged a path as an authority in safeguarding the UK's Critical National Infrastructure. His journey has been enriched by opportunities to support and lecture at the Centre for the Protection of National Infrastructure (CPNI), now of course known as the National Protective Security Authority (NPSA). He shares insights on security risk management at global webinars and contributes to the national discourse on security through an interview with ITV News, addressing the critical issues of insider threats in healthcare settings and the implementation of effective security measures in complex environments.

Richard is a registered General Security Advisor on the UK's NPSA-sponsored Register of Security Engineers and Specialists (RSES), ensuring he is at the forefront of advancing security standards. In addition to being on the IAHSS UK Chapter board, his role as a Fellow of the Institute of Strategic Risk Management (ISRM), coupled with his appointment to the ISRM Global Advisory Council, underscores his commitment to shaping the future of security management. In addition, he is also on the Advisory Council for TINYg - Global Counter Terrorism Information Network.

As the Managing Director of a dynamic counterterrorism and security management consultancy and training company, he leads a dedicated team that delivers impactful results for clients worldwide. His expertise in leading safety and security risk management programmes, mitigating organisational risk, and cultivating emerging talent within the safety and security sectors reflects his passion for excellence and integrity.

Richard has led his company to become a multi-award-winning business, including being named the Best SME Security Service in the UK for 2024, Risk Management Service of the Year 2025, and Best Risk Management Consultancy 2025, a testament to his unwavering commitment to excellence.

Driven by a heartfelt mission to enhance counterterrorism and security management, he is passionately committed to elevating standards and implementing effective strategies to combat violence and aggression within these critical settings.

I am a board member of the IAHSS UK Chapter. I strive to influence the industry and develop innovative benchmarks for excellence. I am proud to work together to create a safer future by championing innovation and resilience in safety and security practices.