

# How an accountant's skills helped her move into intelligence policing

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An evidence-analysis role that supports policing's ability to take action and defend decision-making

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Rachel Kibblewhite's passion for numbers combined with strong communication skills and an inquisitive mind helped her to transfer into policing from her previous career in accountancy.

In her role as a senior intelligence analyst for Cheshire Constabulary, Rachel is 'dealing with information, a lot of numbers, looking for patterns, looking at trends and then taking those numbers and the science behind intelligence into information that can be used for decision-making.'

Rachel's work begins with initial intelligence gathering and takes her all the way through to the court system. 'We deal with evidence, and that evidence has to be absolutely spot on. So you do have to think about accuracy, you do have to think about where data has come from and how data can be used,' she tells us.

*Don't worry about the decisions that you make early on in your education. Don't worry if you don't have the skills when you look at a job and think 'I'd love to do that'. You don't have to go in there as a ready-made package. Think about who you are, what skills you've already got that you could transfer into policing.*

**Rachel Kibblewhite**

## Using intelligence to defend policing's decision-making

Hear from Rachel on how she transitioned from the private sector to policing using transferable skills, like data questioning and data querying, which she had obtained while working as an accountant.

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