

# Police officers suspected of child abuse

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The child abuse investigation unit should provide advice to police force professional standards departments when an internal investigation relates to allegations of:

- child abuse by a police officer; and
- domestic abuse which may involve children

## Notification

A communications system should exist whereby:

- police officers notify their force of any domestic or child abuse-related civil injunctions and/or orders made under the [Children Act 1989](#) which deny contact or only permit contact under supervision, or
- a [Prohibited Steps Order](#) and any breaches of such orders

## Local authority designated officers

These officers work in children's services departments in county or unitary local authorities. They manage and oversee cases of possible child abuse committed by a person who works with children.

They also:

- coordinate information sharing
- provide advice and guidance to employers and voluntary organisations
- liaise with the police service

For further information see [HM Government \(2015\) Working Together to Safeguard Children, chapter 2](#).

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