

# Investigation profiles

Supporting police officers and staff to understand the requirements of investigation roles in policing.

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We're moving the policing professional profiles (PPP) to the College website. While this takes place, some roles from the PPP are only available on College Learn.

College Learn can only be accessed by those who work in policing as it requires you to log in. If you do not work in policing and want to view a role, please email:

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If you have any other queries or would like to give any feedback about the PPP, please email:

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## Purpose

The investigation profiles include information about the responsibilities, behaviours, qualifications, skills and experience for roles in:

- coroner's office
- digital and cyber
- family liaison
- financial crime
- forensics
- investigation
- major incident room
- public protection

## Exploring the investigation profiles

To help to map out progression routes, we've organised the roles in the investigation profiles into five levels.

### 1. Service deliverer roles

## 2. Team leader or technical lead roles

## 3. Manager or expert adviser roles

## 4. Service function lead roles

## 5. Force leader roles

### Further information

- Find out more about the policing professional profiles
- Understand the structure of the policing professional profiles

## Service deliverer roles

### Coroner's office

- Coroner's officer (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Digital and cyber

- Communications data investigations single point of contact
- Digital forensic practitioner (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- Digital forensic technician (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- Digital investigator
- Radio frequency propagation surveyor

### Family liaison

- Family liaison officer (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Financial crime

- Economic crime investigator (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- Financial intelligence officer (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- Financial investigator (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- Financial investigator (Confiscator) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Forensics

- [Covert crime scene investigator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Crime scene investigator \(Serious and complex; and fire scene\)](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Fingerprint officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Fingerprint specialist](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Fingerprint technician](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Footwear officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Footwear specialist](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Forensic collision investigator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Initial firearms classification adviser](#)
- [Victim identification officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Forensic laboratory officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Forensic vehicle specialist](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

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- [Drugs specialist](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Hostage and crisis negotiator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [International liaison officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Investigation support officer](#)
- [PIP 1 investigator](#)
- [PIP 2 investigator](#)
- [Review officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Specialist interviewer - suspects](#)
- [Specialist interviewer - victims and witnesses](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Major incident room

- [Disclosure officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Exhibits officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Indexer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Reader](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Public protection

- [Child abuse investigator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Domestic abuse investigator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Missing person specialist](#)
- [MOSOVO officer](#)
- [Rape and specialist sexual assault investigator](#)
- [Sexual offences liaison officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Victim identification officer \(CAID\)](#)

## Team leader or technical lead roles

### Coroner's office

There are no coroner's office roles available at this level.

### Digital and cyber

- [Communications data investigator manager](#)
- [Digital forensic senior practitioner](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Digital forensic specialist](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Digital investigation supervisor](#)

### Family liaison

- [Family liaison advisor](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Financial crime

There are no financial crime roles available at this level.

### Forensics

- [Covert crime scene manager](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Forensic collision investigation unit supervisor](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

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- [Hostage and crisis negotiator coordinator/tactical advisor](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Interview adviser](#)
- [PIP 1 and 2 investigative supervisor](#)

## Major incident room

- [Action manager](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [HOLMES manager](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Indexing supervisor](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Receiver](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Public protection

- [Missing persons coordinator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Modern slavery specialist investigator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Manager or expert adviser roles

### Coroner's office

There are no coroners office roles available at this level.

### Digital and cyber

- [Digital forensic unit manager](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Technical manager \(digital\)](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Family liaison

- [Family liaison coordinator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Financial crime

- [Economic crime investigative manager](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Forensics

- [Covert crime scene coordinator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Crime scene coordinator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Crime scene manager](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

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- [PIP 2 investigative manager](#)
- [PIP 3 senior investigative officer](#)

## Major incident room

- [Office manager](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Public protection

There are no public protection roles available at this level.

## Service function leader roles

### Coroner's office

There are no coroner's office roles available at this level.

### Digital and cyber

There are no digital and cyber roles available at this level.

### Family liaison

There are no family liaison roles available at this level.

### Financial crime

There are no financial roles available at this level.

### Forensics

There are no forensics roles available at this level.

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- [Head of crime](#)
- [PIP 4 strategic investigator](#)

## Major incident room

There are no major incident room roles available at this level.

## Public protection

There are no public protection roles available at this level.

## Force leader roles

There are no investigation roles available at this level.

You can find other force leader roles in the following areas:

- [core rank profiles](#)
- [operational support profiles](#)

## Tags

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