

# Intelligence profiles

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

First published 21 May 2025

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:

[professionaldevelopment@college.police.uk](mailto:professionaldevelopment@college.police.uk)

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

[professionaldevelopment@college.police.uk](mailto:professionaldevelopment@college.police.uk)

## Purpose

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

- covert operations
- intelligence
- serious and organised crime
- surveillance

## Exploring the intelligence profiles

To help to map out progression routes, we've organised the roles in the intelligence 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

### Covert operations

- [Covert human intelligence source handler](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Protected persons practitioner](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Undercover advanced operative](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Undercover foundation officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Undercover online only operator](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Undercover online operative](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Intelligence

- [Analyst](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Intelligence officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Intelligence researcher](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Support officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Surveillance

- [Technical surveillance unit operative](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Team leader or technical lead roles

### Covert operations

There are no covert operations roles available at this level.

### Intelligence

- [Intelligence supervisor](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

- [Senior analyst](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Surveillance

- [Technical surveillance unit team leader](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Manager or expert adviser roles

### Covert operations

- [Covert human intelligence source controller](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Covert operations manager](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Undercover head of unit](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Undercover operational lead](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Intelligence

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

## Surveillance

- [Technical surveillance unit head of unit](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Service function leader roles

### Covert operations

- [Covert human intelligence source authorising officer](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

### Intelligence

- [Director of intelligence](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)
- [Head of intelligence analysis](#) (You will need to log in to College Learn)

## Surveillance

There are no surveillance roles available at this level.

## Force leader roles

There are no intelligence roles available at this level.

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

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

## Tags

Professional profiles   CPD