

# Build intelligence skills for better policing

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Intelligence training available for all frontline officers, staff and volunteers

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Intelligence is not just for specialists – it is fundamental to effective policing at every level.

Whether you are responding to incidents, patrolling your neighbourhood or supporting the public, you are gathering information that could prevent a crime, protect a vulnerable person or help bring an offender to justice.

The College of Policing's introduction to intelligence digital learning programme gives you the foundation-level knowledge you need to turn that information into effective intelligence.

## Why this training matters

Intelligence transforms the information you gather every day into actionable insights that:

- enable crime detection and prevention
- inform how resources are deployed
- support the identification of organised crime groups
- play a crucial role in safeguarding vulnerable people
- help bring offenders to justice

As policing becomes increasingly intelligence-led, with neighbourhood officers conducting intelligence-informed patrols and building connections with their communities, these foundational skills are essential for everyone working on the frontline.

## What you will learn

The programme covers everything you need to work with intelligence reports effectively, including:

- how to write an intelligence report that provides clear, actionable information
- relevant laws and regulations that govern intelligence work
- data protection and data sharing principles to ensure you handle information appropriately
- the intelligence cycle and how your contribution fits into the bigger picture

It also includes realistic scenarios where local trainers and intelligence staff will assess your intelligence reports. The skills you will practice will be relevant throughout your career in policing.

## Designed for your role

This training was developed as part of the intelligence professionalisation programme, but is specifically designed for all officers, staff and volunteers who interact with the public.

Whether you are a frontline officer, community police officer, or in a public-facing staff role, this is the baseline knowledge that helps you contribute effectively to keeping communities safe.

### [Go to introduction to intelligence programme](#)

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## Related resources

The College also offers advanced practitioner training and a comprehensive range of resources for intelligence professionals and those in supervisory roles.

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