

OPM Role Definitions

Role Code	Role Name	Definition
3	ACPO & Directors	Police officers of ACPO ranks and police staff at equivalent levels, e.g. Finance Director.
4	Air - Operational	Individuals who are predominantly employed as pilots, ground crew or air observers
7	Asset Confiscation	Individuals who predominantly identify and seize assets from the proceeds of crime under the Drugs Trafficking Offences Act 1986, the Criminal Justice Act 1988 and the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act 1984.
12	Buildings	Individuals who are predominantly employed on duties relating to the cleaning, maintenance and administration of Police buildings, but not including Individuals employed as part of a contract. Include handymen, grounds maintenance and cleaners.
13	Burglary	Individuals who predominantly investigate offences of burglary in plain clothes. Includes "Operation Bumblebee". Do not include analysts (104) or administrative assistants (104).
18	Catering	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the provision of catering facilities but not including catering. Individuals employed as part of a contract.
19	Child/Sex/Domestic	Individuals who predominantly investigate and resolve cases of domestic violence involving any member of the family
20	Child/Sex/Domestic	Individuals who predominantly support the investigation and resolution of cases of domestic violence
22	CID	Individuals mainly employed in plain clothes for the investigation of crime and who are not part of a specialist unit. Individuals who predominantly investigate crime (not including the National Crime Squad) and who are not shown under other specific squad headings.
23	CID	Police Staff mainly employed in supporting those employed in plain clothes for the investigation of crime.
25	CID Aides/Trainee Investigator	Uniform officers temporarily seconded to CID.
29	Communications	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the provision, maintenance, research, development and administration of radio, telephone and communications networks.
32	Community Safety/Relations	Individuals who predominately undertake community safety work including community relations.
34	Complaints and Discipline	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the investigation and administration of complaints and discipline matters.
35	Complaints and Discipline	Individuals who predominantly support those employed in the investigation and administration of complaints and discipline matters.
37	Control Room (Receiving)	Individuals who are predominantly employed as Control Room Operatives in either service or borough control rooms receiving calls.
38	Control Room (Dispatching)	Individuals who are predominantly employed as Control Room Operatives in either service or borough control rooms dispatching calls.
40	Coroner's Officer	Individuals who are predominantly assigned to duties in connection with sudden deaths and inquests.
45	Corporate Development	Individuals who are predominantly employed within service or inspection units, including quality assurance and similar functions. Individuals who are predominantly employed in the collation of statistics within the service. Individuals who are predominantly employed in research and development, operational and strategic planning and information and policy analysis units. This section does not include officers employed on research and development in connection with computers and communications.
46	Court Security	Individuals who are predominantly assigned to security duties at Magistrates' and Crown Courts.
50	Crime and Incident Management	Individuals who are predominantly employed on administrative, clerical or other support duties on behalf of general CID, burglary, drugs, fraud, stolen vehicles, vice or other permanent CID squads including Crime Desks, Crime management / Support units or units involved in crime clear ups Includes Post sentence visits units and cold case reviews.
53	Criminal Justice Units	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the administration, checking and processing of prosecution files including liaison with the Crown Prosecution Service and Individuals who are predominantly employed in the making of additional enquiries required to supplement the quality of files. Individuals who are predominantly employed in the processing and administration of applications in connection with licensed premises, registered clubs and matters concerning betting, gaming and lotteries. Individuals who are predominantly employed in the execution of warrants, service of summonses etc. Do not include officers who specifically deal with Gaming and Licensing as part of SO (420), or Case Progression Units (430).
57	Criminal Records Offices	Staff who are predominately employed in maintaining the force Criminal Records Office including officers working in PNC units.
58	Custody	Individuals who are predominantly employed as custody officers performing duties in accordance with PACE.
59	Custody	Gaolers, i.e. Individuals who are predominantly employed in looking after prisoners in police custody.
62	Departmental Heads	Individuals designated Heads of more than one operational unit or department e.g. Superintendent - Operations.
63	Departmental Heads	Officers with supervisory responsibility for more than one support department or unit
64	Dogs	Dog handlers including those employed for general policing, drugs and explosive detection duties
65	Dogs	Individuals who are predominantly employed within Dogs Sections other than Dog Handlers.
68	Drivers	Individuals who are predominantly employed on driving duties relating to the transportation of personnel and/or property but not including officers shown at 88 or 160.
70	Drugs	Individuals who predominantly investigate drug offences in plain clothes, including Individuals who are predominantly assigned to the inspection of chemists' registers in connection with dangerous drugs.
73	Enquiry/Station	Individuals who are predominantly employed in dealing with front office enquiries from members of the public at any Police station.

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78	Finance	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the administration of finance.
79	Fingerprints/Photographic	Individuals who are predominantly employed as Fingerprint Officers and Individuals who are predominantly employed as Photographers. Do not include Scenes of Crime Officers (139) or Individuals employed in a Fingerprint Bureau or Photographic Laboratory (80)
80	Fingerprints/Photographic	Individuals who predominantly support Fingerprint Officers or Photographers. Including Fingerprint Bureau and Photographic Laboratory staff. Do not include Scenes of Crime Officers. (139)
82	Firearms - Tactical	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the use of firearms either as tactical advisors, trainers or in the provision of firearms support to operational incidents. Officers employed in Armed Response Vehicles should only be included if they are mainly employed within the Force Firearms Unit. Officers employed in Armed Response Vehicles but not employed within the Force Firearms Unit should be shown within their regular deployment category.
86	Firearms/Explosives	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the processing of applications and in making enquiries for firearm and shotgun certificates, renewals, rejections, appeals and firearms surrendered to Police custody, or in connection with the licensing and security of explosives and explosives stores.
88	Foot/Car/Beat Patrol	The ACPO Working Group on Patrol settled on the definition: "The overt presence, whether on foot or mobile, of a locally accountable uniformed police constable who provides public reassurance and who is approachable and available to ensure an appropriate response from all the resources of the police service, to the needs and demands of the general public".
91	Fraud	Individuals who predominantly investigate fraud cases such as Cheque / Credit Card fraud and Serious Fraud Investigation. Includes Fraud Squad officers. Do not include individuals who are predominantly employed in asset confiscation duties (7).
94	Hate Crime	Individuals mainly employed in the investigation of hate crime in plain clothes, including race and homophobic incidents.
98	Holmes Unit	Individuals who are predominantly employed in duties connected with the operational use of HOLMES. Individuals employed as full time HOLMES Training Instructors should not be included in this section. (167)
102	IT/Communications/Audio	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the provision, maintenance, research, development and administration of computer or telecommunications systems-include maintenance of CRIS terminals, IT systems, graphics & web pages or IT projects etc
103	Intelligence (Dedicated Source/Handling Unit)	Individuals who are predominantly employed in criminal intelligence units including Field Intelligence Officers and Local Intelligence Officers and Individuals who are predominantly employed in the co-ordination of the policing of football matches and collating associated intelligence.
104	Intelligence	Individuals who are predominantly employed in criminal intelligence units including Field Intelligence Officers and Local Intelligence Officers. Other Individuals who maintain indices and records for criminal intelligence purposes should also be included.
106	Local Commanders	Operational local commanders and their deputies (Basic Commanders or equivalent).
109	Marine	Individuals who predominantly conduct marine or boat patrol including supervisors. Members of Underwater Search Units should be shown at 169.
112	Mounted	Individuals who predominantly conduct mounted patrol duties, including supervisors.
113	Mounted	Individuals in support roles within mounted units including those individuals who are Stable Hands, Lead Hands, Farriers or Drivers within Mounted Branch.
116	Operational Planning	Individuals who are predominantly employed in planning operational events include those planning special events and contingency planning. Includes football liaison.
117	Operational Planning	Individuals who are predominantly employed to support those in planning operational events, including those planning special events and contingency planning. This does not include corporate projects creating policy or an advanced organisational system.
120	Other Admin/Clerical	Individuals who are predominantly employed in admin or clerical support, archives staff or typists.
123	Personnel/Human Resources	Individuals who are predominantly employed in personnel/career development and management, equal opportunities and diversity, including associated administrative support.
127	Ports	Individuals who are predominantly employed at sea or airports on general policing and security duties, excluding protection duties
132	Press and Public Relations	Individuals who are predominantly employed in media relations and publicity about the service. Include press officers.
134	Property	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the administration, retention and disposal of property coming into police possession.
136	Recruits Modules 1-7	Officers being trained under Modules 1 -7 (Recruit Training in Metropolitan Police).
139	Scenes of Crime	Individuals who are predominantly employed in providing scientific support including Scenes of Crime Officers and their supervisors. Include Assistant Forensic Practitioners, Scene Examiners and Scientific Support Officers who attend Scenes of Crime but do not include staff who are predominantly employed in connection with Fingerprints and Photographs (79).
140	Scenes of Crime	Individuals who are predominantly employed in providing operational support to Scenes of Crime Officers and their supervisors. Includes Computer Forensic Examiners, Exhibits Officer, Forensic Support, Identification Officer and Video Forensic Examiners. Do not include individuals who are predominantly employed in connection with Fingerprints and Photographs (79).
142	Special Branch/Protection/Immigration/Nationality	Individuals who are predominantly employed on Special Branch duties including officers posted to Units situated at ports. Do not confuse with Ports Control Officers who are specifically posted on a long-term basis to ports (368).
143	Special Branch/Protection/Immigration/Nationality	Administration staff who are predominantly employed in Special Branch units including port units Individuals permanently employed in the registration of foreign nationals and the conduct of naturalisation enquiries other than Ports Officers (127).
147	Staff Associations	Individuals who are predominantly employed in Staff Association work. Include Federation.

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150	Staff Officers	Individuals who are predominantly employed as Staff Officers or Personal Assistants to senior officers
153	Stores/Supplies	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the administration and handling of stores/supplies.
154	Surveillance Units	Individuals who are predominantly employed on surveillance duties.
155	Surveillance Units	Individuals who are predominantly employed in supporting surveillance duties.
158	Technical Support Units	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the provision, maintenance and installation of technical support equipment.
160	Traffic	Individuals who are predominantly employed on motor-cycles or in patrol vehicles for the policing of traffic and motorway related duties. This does not include officers employed in accident investigation, vehicle examination and radar duties.
161	Traffic	Individuals who are predominantly employed to support the traffic function of the force including radar, accident investigation, vehicle examination and traffic administration. Include officers working with hazardous chemicals. Do not include individuals from Collision Investigation Unit (485)
163	Traffic Wardens	Traffic Wardens engaged in patrol and other duties
164	Traffic Wardens	Individuals (including Senior Traffic Wardens) who are predominantly employed in the supervision of Traffic Wardens, otherwise than on patrol.
166	Training	Individuals who are predominately employed in the training of Street Duty Probationers.
167	Training	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the training or management of training. Do not include individuals employed in Firearms Training (see 82).
169	Underwater	Individuals who are predominantly employed in an Underwater Search Unit.
172	Vehicle Crime	Individuals who are predominately assigned to the investigation of theft of or from motor vehicles.
176	Vehicle Workshops/Fleet	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the administration and maintenance of the vehicle fleet.
178	Vice	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the investigation of offences relating to obscene publications and prostitution. Also include individuals who predominantly investigate offences relating to obscene publications on the internet.
183	Welfare/Occupational Health	Individuals who are predominately employed as welfare officers , occupational health officers, nurses and force medical officers.
201	Community Beat Officers	Individuals who are predominantly employed as community beat officers (home beat) and their line managers. Includes sector based sergeants and inspectors, and PCSOs where applicable.
202	Ward-Based Reassurance Officers	Individuals who are employed in "ring-fenced" posts as dedicated ward-based officers under the National Reassurance Policing Project (Operation Opal). Includes Sgts, PCs and PCSOs.
203	Public Transport Reassurance Officers	Individuals who are employed in "ring-fenced" posts as dedicated public transport based officers under the National Reassurance Policing Project (Operation Opal). Include Sgts, PCs and PCSOs.
213	Disorder Unit (Problem Solving)	Individuals who are predominantly employed as a borough disorder team or problem solving team in uniform. Does not include proactive uniform non specific crime squad (219).
218	Proactive (Crime Squad)	Individuals who are predominantly employed as a proactive non specific crime squad in uniform.
219	Proactive Community Team	Individuals who are predominantly employed as a proactive community team in uniform.
220	Retail Crime Unit (Shoplifters)	Individuals who predominantly investigate offences of shoplifting in uniform.
221	Robbery	Individuals who predominantly investigate offences of robbery in uniform.
229	Security Patrols	Individuals, including PCSOs, predominantly engaged in Security Patrols
230	Building Security	Individuals who are predominantly employed to provide security for buildings.
231	POLSA	Individuals who are predominantly employed as a part of a POLSA search team.
241	Street Duties Probationers	Individuals who are predominantly employed as a Street Duties Probationer.
250	Local Long-term Operations	Individuals who are predominantly employed on local long term operations in uniform.
251	Schools Officers	Individuals who are predominantly employed to work in schools or liase with schools.
252	Youth Offenders Team (YACs)	Individuals who are predominantly employed in youth offenders team in uniform.
260	Special Constables	Special Constables engaged in patrol and other duties.
263	Vehicle Removal Officers	Individuals who are predominantly employed in removal of vehicles.
270	Special Escort Group	Individuals who are predominantly tasked with assisting with the safe movement of Royalty, Diplomats or Members of Parliament.
271	Static Protection	Individuals who are predominantly employed as static protection officers stationed outside buildings containing Royalty, Diplomats or Members of Parliament.
281	Transport Route Team	Individuals who predominantly patrol key bus routes.
282	Transport Task Team	Individuals who predominantly work on a transport task team patrolling a transport "crime corridor"
287	Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)	Individuals who are predominantly employed operationally in uniform to detect offences using ANPR equipment.
312	Proactive (Crime Squad)	Individuals who are predominantly employed as a proactive non specific crime squad in plain clothes.
313	Robbery	Individuals who predominantly investigate offences of robbery in plain clothes.
320	Sex Offenders	Individuals who predominantly investigate sexual offences or sex offenders. Include Public Protection Units, Sex Offenders Registration Officers & SOIT/Sapphire Officers

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330	Jury Protection	Individuals who are predominantly employed on Jury Protection.
332	MISPER Unit	Individuals who predominantly investigate Missing Persons.
333	Youth Offenders Team (YACs)	Individuals who are predominantly employed in youth offenders team in plain clothes.
340	Shooting Investigation Team	Individuals who predominantly deal with the reactive and proactive investigation of non fatal and non Trident shootings.
342	Murder Review Team	Individuals who are predominantly employed in reviewing murder investigations.
344	Paedophile Squad	Individuals who predominantly investigate the production and distribution of child pornography and the associated criminal activities of child sex offenders.
351	Computer Crime	Individuals who predominantly investigate crimes committed against computer systems including hacking, viruses and counterfeit software. Do not include Individuals who predominantly investigate crime where a computer has been used to aid the crime such as fraud (91).
352	Flying Squad	Individuals who predominantly investigate robbery from cash transit companies, building societies, betting shops, post offices, jewellers, casinos, banks and robberies against all other commercial premises where a firearm is produced or intimidated.
353	Money Laundering Team	Individuals who predominantly investigate money laundering.
356	Kidnap & Special Investigation Unit	Individuals who predominantly provide response to life threatening crimes in action such as kidnap for ransom, extortion and blackmail.
359	CBRN - TSG Only	Individuals predominantly employed to deal with Chemical, Biological, Radiological or Nuclear incidents (TSG only)
360	Anti Terrorist Officer	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the investigation of terrorist activity.
362	Extradition Unit	Individuals who predominantly seek out and arrest fugitives wanted for crimes committed in other countries. Include individuals who deal specifically with international 'Letters of Request'.
364	Major Investigation Team	Individuals who predominantly investigate murder, manslaughter, infanticide, attempted murder and missing persons or abductions where there is substantial evidence to suspect life has been taken or is under threat.
365	Personal Protection Officer	Individuals who are predominantly employed as Close or Personal Protection Officers providing close quarter protection for Royalty, Diplomats or Members of Parliament.
368	Port Control Officer	Special Branch Officers specifically posted to ports.
380	Cab Enforcement Team	Individuals who predominantly enforce laws relating to licensed and unlicensed taxis and mini cabs.
420	Licensing	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the processing and administration of applications in connection with licensed premises, registered clubs and matters concerning betting, gaming and lotteries.
430	Case Progression Unit	Individuals who are predominantly employed to provide arrest support to uniform officers and improve case file quality.
450	Anti-Social behaviour unit	Individuals who are predominantly employed to deal with anti social behaviour.
452	Crime Prevention	Individuals who are predominantly employed as Crime Prevention, Crime Reduction or Architectural Liaison Officers.
462	Suspect Identification	Individuals who predominantly work within an identification suite or who help identify suspects by creating an e-fit or typelikeness or by using the Witness Albums Display System.
464	Bomb Data Centre Officer	Individuals who are predominantly employed in the collation, entry and retrieval of bomb data.
472	Force Armourer	Individuals who predominantly plan, carry out and record the maintenance and repair of all weapons and ancillaries contained within the MPS Firearm Inventory.
485	Traffic - Collision Investigation Unit	Individuals who are predominantly employed to investigate serious and fatal road collisions, including accident investigation and vehicle examination in this respect.
500	Management Support Unit (MSU)	Individuals who are predominantly employed to provide support to the senior management team.
502	Projects	Individuals who are predominantly employed on corporate projects.They are not operational or for intelligence purposes
534	Architect / Surveyor	Individuals who are predominantly employed as architects or surveyors.
540	Legal Staff	Individuals who are predominantly employed in legal work including Accident Claims Officer.
980	Career Break	Individuals who are on career break
990	Seconded	Individuals who are seconded to another OCU or Force.
999	Suspended	Individuals who are suspended either on or off pay.