

INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF POLICE CONDUCT (IOPC)

PURPOSE OF THE IOPC

The IOPC are responsible for overseeing the police complaints system in England and Wales and investigating serious police conduct matters, which includes deaths following police contact.

The IOPC are independent also set the standards by which the police should handle complaints, which means the decision's they make are entirely independent of the police and government.

Its purpose is to improve police practice by ensuring the police are accountable for their actions and lessons are learned thus improving future practice. The IOPC are also responsible for working with communities regarding changes they would like to see in policing that are affecting the community and public confidence.

A key issue the IOPC are currently focusing on is racial discrimination in policing and police response to violence against women and girls (VAWG). Our mission is to improve policing by independent oversight of police complaints, holding police to account and ensuring learning effects change. We use learning from our work to influence changes in policing, so that everyone is able to have trust and confidence in the police. We make our decisions completely independent of and separate from the police and the Government.

Tom Whiting, Acting Director General

KRY INVESTIGATION AREAS

- Child sexual abuse (CSA)
- Corruption and abuse of power
- Custody and detention
- Death and serious injury
- Discrimination
- Mental health
- Domestic abuse
- Road traffic accidents
- Use of Force
- Welfare and vulnerable people



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