

JOB DESCRIPTION

Position

Independent Member of Police Misconduct Panel

Role

- To assist misconduct panels in coming to fair and evidence based judgements about a particular officer's conduct and deciding on an appropriate sanction.
- To ensure that there is an independent and impartial voice on such panels.
- To provide assurance to the community that conduct matters are treated seriously and that misconduct proceedings are being properly investigated and adjudicated.

Responsibilities

- To attend and participate effectively in misconduct hearings as required.
- To challenge constructively accepted facts and views in these hearings where appropriate.
- To prepare for such hearings by considering in advance relevant papers, reports and background information.
- To take advantage of any training offered that is relevant to the role, and to take a proactive approach to considering what additional development would be appropriate.
- To keep abreast of general developments affecting policing, both locally and nationally, that may have an impact on the role of independent member of a misconduct panel.
- To maintain the highest standards of professional conduct and ethics.

PERSON SPECIFICATION

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- Analytical Skills the ability to interpret and question material relevant to the case under consideration.
- Judgement the ability to take a balanced, open minded and objective approach to the issues and come to evidence based conclusions that are robust and will withstand challenge.
- Communication the ability to clearly and cogently articulate views while being receptive to the opinions of others.
- Independence the capacity to think independently while being part of a wider panel, demonstrating resilience to external and peer pressure.
- Self confidence the ability to challenge the accepted view of senior police officers on the panel in a constructive but non-confrontational manner.
- Time management an appropriate level of commitment to the process, ensuring that sufficient time is set aside to both attend and prepare for hearings.
- Integrity embraces high standards of conduct and ethics.
- Diversity a commitment to fairness and equality.