

Force Vetting Policy Policy Statement



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1. Policy statement

Cleveland Police is committed to the maintenance of the highest levels of honesty and integrity and to the prevention of corrupt, dishonest, unethical and unprofessional behaviour.

This applies, without exception, to all individuals employed by Cleveland Police as a police officer or police staff, members of the Special Constabulary, contractors, volunteers and others who work in partnership with the Force and have access to police premises, information, intelligence or assets.

Investigations within the police community have produced evidence that criminals do target individuals' who have access to police premises, information and assets to further assist them in their criminal activity. It is therefore vital that the Force, where possible, identifies any risk associated to an individual, to reduce the possibility of an unauthorised disclosure of information or loss of sensitive police assets.

Vetting decisions are based on a "snapshot in time" and must be supported by a comprehensive "aftercare" regime to ensure any significant changes of personal circumstances are reported, assessed and managed appropriately. Furthermore, all levels of vetting clearance will be time limited and will require a renewal application being submitted prior to that time limit being reached. The time period will be dependent on the security clearance level involved.