

Role description: Guideline Committee members

Our guidelines are developed using an approach that brings together a committee of frontline practitioners with subject matter experts (specialist practitioners and academics) to develop guidelines based on evidence.

The purpose of the Guideline Committee is to set the scope of the guidelines, consider the evidence and develop the guidelines.

Becoming a Guideline Committee member is an opportunity for you to get involved in developing national guidance to support investigators and to improve investigative practice. It presents a valuable CPD activity, as well as an opportunity to be involved in developing and promoting evidence-based policing.

Previous Guideline Committee members have said:

'I have loved every moment! The networking, the debates, the feeling of really making a difference towards future policing. It's a shame my part has come to an end.'

- From a deputy operations manager

'I found the whole process really interesting and it was a great experience to work closely with the College and be part of a document which in turn should shape the whole of UK policing for the better.'

- From a detective inspector

To hear more from the perspective of a previous committee member, please visit the **College of Policing website**.

Committee members are expected to:

- have some prior knowledge in the area of the guideline, either by working in an area of policing related to investigations, or through specialist or research knowledge
- contribute constructively to meetings and have good communication and team-working skills
- use their background knowledge and experience of the guideline topic to advise the development team on the rapid evidence assessment and the gathering of practice evidence
- make time to prepare for meetings by reading all relevant documentation and contributing constructively at Committee meetings
- work with other members of the Committee to develop guidelines based on the research and practice evidence, or by consensus if evidence is limited

The Investigation Guideline Committee will meet three or four times over the guideline development period (typically 18 months). We anticipate that the first meeting will be held in January and will be held virtually due to coronavirus restrictions. Other meetings are likely to be held at our Ryton site (Coventry, CV8 3EN) or in London.

The meetings will consist of:

- an opening one-day meeting for committee induction and to finalise the scope of the work
- a second meeting to consider the evidence and draft guidelines (these have varied in number and length according to the volume of evidence discovered, but are typically two whole days)
- one or two further meetings to consider consultation feedback and to finalise the guidelines

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