

CAREERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

POLICE OFFICER

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ABOUT THE POLICE:



Core Tasks:

- Enforce the law
- Uphold peace at public events.
- Investigate criminal activity by interviewing victims, witnesses and suspects.
- Patrol neighborhoods
- Prevent crime
- Respond to calls

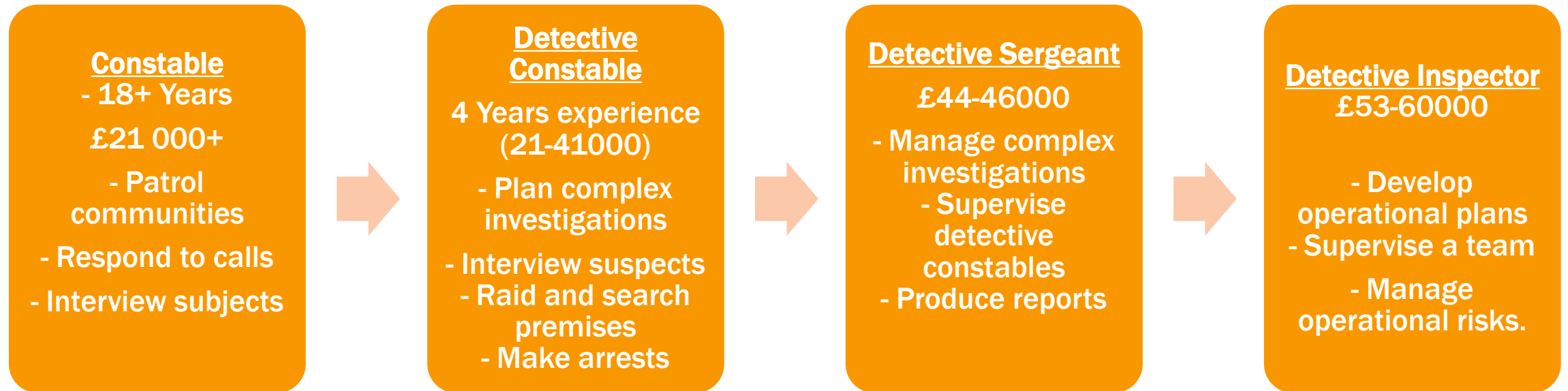
ABOUT POLICING:



Police officers keep people safe and enforce the law. They patrol neighborhoods and respond to calls about crimes and accidents.

- *Police officers work in a variety of settings i.e. busy urban areas, quiet neighborhoods.*
- *Spend time working in police stations, writing reports and keeping records which may contribute to convicting criminals in court.*
- *The job can be mentally, physically and emotionally stressful but also very rewarding.*

PROGRESSING IN THE POLICE



LABOUR MARKET

This career is in **Stable Demand**

The growth rate is decreasing in relation to the national growth of all careers.

However the career employs a large number of people compared to other careers.

WORKING LOCATION, HOURS AND PAY:



Where:

Police station
Neighborhood on patrol



Working Hours:

40 hours a week
Early morning/night shifts.
(typically 8 hour shifts)



Pay:

£25 000 - £100 000 a year


A DAY IN THE LIFE – POLICE OFFICER

Time	Activities/Tasks
6:00-6:30am	Shift Briefing – informed about ongoing cases, who is directed where etc.
6:30-7:30am	Conducting an accident investigation
7:30-8:30am	Investigating a break in
8:30-9:30am	Traffic duty; stopping any vehicles that are breaking traffic laws
9:30-12:30pm	Appear in court
12:00-1:00pm	Eating lunch and physical training
2:00-2:30pm	Attend the shift debriefing.

Characteristics:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Good people skills• Effective communication• Organised• Problem Solving
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EDUCATION & TRAINING


GCSEs
Grade 4+ Math's and
English (or equivalent
e.g. Functional Skills
Level 2).



Vary from force to force:

A-Levels
3 A-Levels
Grades: CCC

BTEC Vocational Course
BTEC National Extended Diploma
Public Services
Grades: MMM



Police Constable Degree Apprenticeship
(PCDA)

**3 Year Training Programme and secure
a Bachelors Degree in Policing.**

**Fitness: Endurance Fitness Test (Bleep
Test Level 5.4)**

No criminal convictions

18+

University

Bachelors degree in chosen subjects/policing

POLICE FORCE WEBSITES

Greater Manchester Police:

<https://www.gmp.police.uk/police-forces/greater-manchester-police/areas/greater-manchester-force-content/careers/careers/>

Merseyside Police:

<https://www.merseyside.police.uk/police-forces/merseyside-police/areas/careers/join-us/>

Lancashire Police:

<https://joinus.lancashire.police.uk/>



COLLEGE COURSES & LINKS

Wigan & Leigh (Public Services) -

St Helens College (Public & Uniformed Services)

Bolton College (Uniformed Public Services)

Priestley College (Public Services)

A-Levels

- **St John Rigby**
- **Bolton Sixth Form**
- **Wigan & Leigh**