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2025/1015 - Declared Associations with Persons with Criminal Convictions

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

The total number of police officers who have formally declared an association with a person who has a criminal conviction.

The below figures are for Notifiable Associations for Police Officers that have been recorded between the time periods requested (2020-2024).

An association is notifiable where you **know**, **consider** or **suspect** that the **association** is with a person who falls into any of the following categories, these examples are not exhaustive.

- a) Persons with unspent convictions.
- b) Persons charged with a criminal offence (other than minor road traffic matters or drink / driving offences) or the subject of a current criminal prosecution.
- c) Persons known to be under criminal investigation (other than minor road traffic matters or drink / driving offences) but not yet charged with an offence. This does not apply to continued association with a colleague who is suspended from duty pending a misconduct investigation.
- d) Persons subject of criminal intelligence.
- e) Persons dismissed or required to resign from a police service or other law enforcement agency for reasons of misconduct.
- e) Former police officers or other law enforcement officers who are working in a related field of employment (e.g., private investigators). Many retired or ex-police personnel take up work as private investigators or agencies with similar aims and maintain their former links and friendships with police employees. This is identified as another area of potential vulnerability that may lead to compromise.
- f) Membership or association with members of extremist groups or renowned criminal groups, gangs or organisations.
- g) Journalists or other persons employed in a media role, outside of the engagement required as part of your professional policing capacity. The Lord Leveson public enquiry identified instances where members of the media had acted unprofessionally and in some cases, unlawfully. The manipulation of personal relationships that may exist between our staff and journalists presents a potential corruption risk.
- h) Persons criminally involved in the sex industry (e.g. prostitution).
- i) Legal Representatives where there may be a conflict of interest.

412 Officers (Declared as per the above description as a notifiable association).

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For each of the last five calendar years (2020–2024), the number of new declarations made by police officers relating to associations with persons who have a criminal conviction.

2020 – 96
2021 – 78
2022 – 91
2023 – 122
2024 – 111

(Total amount recorded 2020-2024 is 498, some of the 412 officers have recorded more than one Notifiable Association).

If recorded, a breakdown of the categories of convictions associated with these declarations (e.g. violence, drugs, dishonesty, sexual offences, driving offences, other).

We do not record a breakdown of categories for Notifiable Associations.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 29/09/2025