Police Staff Recruitment Information Pack



VACANCY POSTING BOARD

Welcome to our new Vacancy Posting Board! This is where you can view and apply for all of our current vacancies.



You can view a vacancy's information to include role profile, salary, location etc. by clicking on the vacancy.

This will take you to the actual vacancy itself. If you are interested in applying for this vacancy you will need to click Apply at the bottom of the page.

Please ensure you download and save a copy of the role profile as you will need to evidence against this later on in your application. The role profile can be found at the bottom under the heading 'Document attachment'.





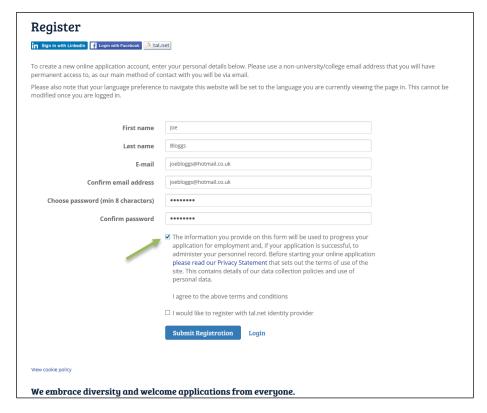
Vacancy pages (including the application form) can be viewed in both Welsh and English by changing the language preference toggle to suit your needs.



Registration

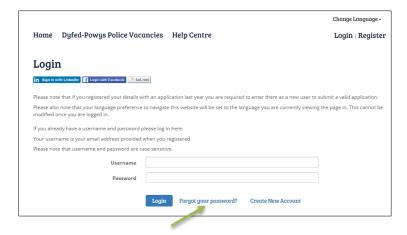
In order to apply for a vacancy you will need to register or login.

If you are a new user to the system, you will need to register. We advise you use your personal email address rather than your work email (to ensure you have access at all times).



You will need to ensure you tick the box to confirm that you have read and agree to the terms and conditions and click 'Submit Registration'.

If you are a returning user to the system, please log in using your email address and password. If you have forgotten your password, please use the systems 'forgot your password?' functionality.





Application Process

The police staff application process consists of two areas:

- 1. Position Eligibility
- 2. Application form questions.

You will be required to input your personal details so please ensure that all information is accurate and completed fully.

Key points to note before commencing your application

- Please ensure that you complete <u>ALL</u> sections of the application form as accurately as possible.
- Any personal information provided in your application form is subject to Data Protection Act 2018
 and GDPR 2018. For more information on how we use your information, you can view our
 recruitment privacy statement by visiting www.dyfed-powys.police.uk and clicking the 'join us'
 section.
- We do not accept Curriculum Vitaes (CV's) and we will not consider any that we receive. All applications must be submitted via our online recruitment portal.
- Additional documents should only be submitted when they are specifically asked for e.g. pictures of tattoos, copies of your driving licence. If you are having difficulties uploading any documents, please contact the recruitment team.
- Applications submitted after the closing date and time will not be considered.
- You will need to comply with the eligibility criteria and undertake security vetting prior to appointment. If you have any concerns about this, or wish to discuss what this means for you then please contact the recruitment team.

If you encounter any problems or have any queries please contact us via email at BSU-HR@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk as soon as possible.

Please note our office hours are Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm

1. Position Eligibility

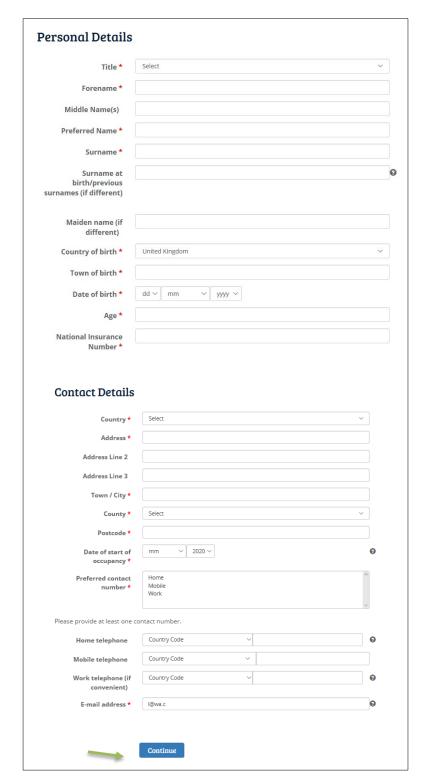
The first part of the application form will request that you log your personal details such as name, address, contact numbers, National Insurance number, etc. You also have the option to choose your preferred language for verbal communication.

Your application will NOT be progressed without a National Insurance number

The majority of the personal information captured here will be kept on your file, so should you wish to apply for other positions, this information should populate itself for future applications.

Please ensure that the information you provide is accurate.





Once you have completed the required personal and contact detail fields, click continue at the bottom of the page, this will then take you to the **Position Eligibility** section.

If you are an **INTERNAL** candidate, you will need to know your line manager's pay reference number and email address.

i. Citizenship and Residency

In order to be eligible, you must be a British citizen or a citizen of a country that is a member of the European Economic Area, or Switzerland. Commonwealth citizens and foreign nationals who are resident in the UK and free from restrictions are also eligible to apply. After 30 June 2021, nationals of the EEA or Switzerland will also need to provide evidence that their stay is free from restrictions.



You must have resided in the UK for at least 3 years prior to application. If you have resided abroad due to serving in the British Armed Forces or UK Government Service, this is considered as being a resident in the UK.

ii. Political Affiliation

The police service has a policy of prohibiting any of their officers, or staff or volunteers from becoming members of a proscribed terrorist organisation or group such as Combat 18 or the National Front, whose aims, objectives or pronouncements may contradict the duty to promote race equality.

If you are a member of a proscribed terrorist organisation or similar, your application will be rejected.

iii. Convictions & Cautions

Convictions or cautions will not necessarily preclude you from appointment. It will depend on their nature and the circumstances of the offence. Failure to disclose convictions/cautions/reprimands or warnings will, however result in your application being terminated.

You must declare ALL:

- Convictions for past offences
- Formal cautions by the Police, including cautions as a juvenile i.e. under 18 years
- Reprimands and warnings
- Bind overs imposed by any Court
- Traffic convictions such as speeding, drink drive offences, fixed penalties for motoring
- Disorder offences
- Appearances before a Court Martial.

iv. Financial Position

Members of the Police Service are in a privileged position with regard to access of information and could be considered potentially vulnerable to corruption. Therefore applicants to the Police Service should not, be under pressure from un-discharged debts or liabilities and should be able to manage loans and debts sensibly.

v. Tattoos

Tattoos are not a bar to appointment with Dyfed Powys Police. However some tattoos could potentially offend members of the public, colleagues or could bring discredit to the Police Service. If you have tattoos on your face, neck, forearms, wrists or hands, you must declare these on your application form and provide photographs of the tattoos as requested. All tattoos are reviewed following a successful interview on a case by case basis. This is done by a panel of at least 6 individuals across the Force.

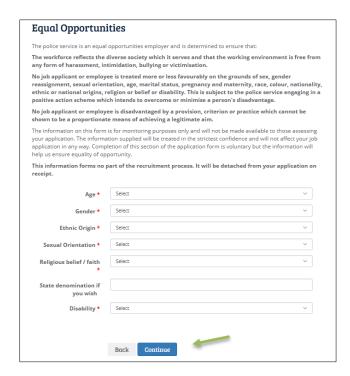
Please note if the tattoo is on your face, neck, hand, wrist or forearm you will be required to upload TWO photos to your application form.

Please ensure that you complete the form accurately as an error could cause your application to be rejected under eligibility.

Once you are happy with your answers, click continue at the bottom of the page to move on to the next part of the form which is *Equal Opportunities*.

This is where we gather all the monitoring information about a candidate such as gender, ethnic origin, religious beliefs, etc.





The last part of the registration process is to agree that you declare all information is true and that no relevant information has been withheld.

You will need to tick the box 'I do agree with the above' and click 'Submit' to complete the registration process.



2. Application Form Questions

This part of the application process is to find out more about you and your suitability for the role. To complete your application form questions, click on 'Complete Application' in your recruitment portal.



The application form questions consist of multiple pages. When you have completed each page, click continue to progress to the next page, ensuring that you have completed the information accurately.

Tips for completing your application

- Make sure you read the requirement of each stage thoroughly
- If you require reasonable adjustments or positive action please ensure you check the relevant boxes on the application form.
- If you have had more than one address in the last 5 years or received any convictions/cautions, have all this information to hand including dates
- If you have visible tattoos (face, neck, hands, wrists and forearms) take the required photos beforehand.
- If you have any financial certificates (bankruptcy, IVA etc.) have a copy of these ready to upload.



The first question asks if you have any disabilities or learning difficulties you wish for us to be made aware of. If you do have any that you wish to make us aware of, select 'Yes' from the drop down and provide additional information. Please complete this fully so that any reasonable adjustments can be made during the recruitment process.



The next page is your opportunity to advise us of any tattoos you may have and the nature of those tattoos. If you do not have any tattoos, select 'No' from the drop down and click 'Continue'. If you do have tattoos, please select 'Yes' from the drop down list where you will then be prompted for further information, such as the location of your tattoo and to upload a photograph depending on the location of your tattoo followed by a brief description. Please note you only need to provide photographic evidence of tattoos that are located on your hands, neck, wrist, forearm or face. We do not need photographic evidence if you have tattoos elsewhere on your body. You must provide **TWO** photos as instructed. Failing to do this, may result in your application being rejected.

You must confirm that you have read and understood the *Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 Guidance.* If you have any questions about this, please contact the recruitment team.

The Criminal Histories page is your opportunity to declare any criminal convictions/investigations. As this information will be used as part of your vetting checks, you need to be truthful in your responses. If you answer 'Yes' to any of the questions, you will be prompted to give additional information. You can add more offences/convictions/investigations by clicking 'Add another instance'



In terms of employment, you must have employment or education references to cover the last 3 years. However if you have been in the same employment for the last 3 years please provide details of a character referee. You are responsible for making any third parties aware that their details are being supplied in your application form.

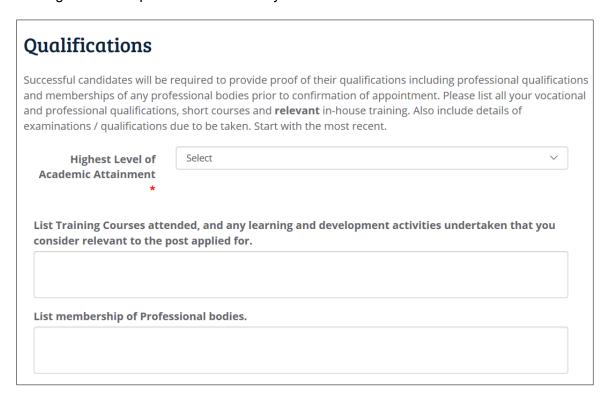
Please detail your current and previous employers, including all full and part time positions you have held. Any gaps in your employment must be evidenced. Failure to complete any of this information as accurately as possible may result in your application being delayed or terminated.

We will **NOT** make enquiries with any of your previous employers until you have been issued with a conditional offer and we will not usually contact your current employer until you have passed the vetting stage of the process. If we need to contact your employers outside of the above terms we will make contact



with you first. If possible, please provide an email address as a method of contact for **ALL** your referees as this will speed up the recruitment process.

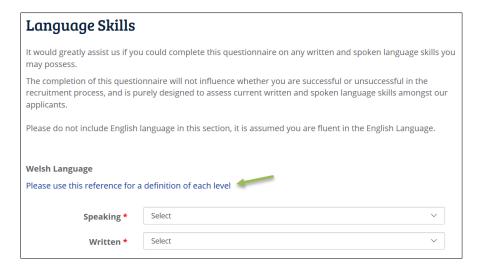
Under qualifications, you will need to select your highest level of academic attainment. There is no requirement to list all the qualifications that you have achieved however you may need to evidence against this under the 'attainments' section. Although not mandatory, you can list **RELEVANT** training courses/learning and development activities that you wish to make us aware of.



All Dyfed Powys Police staff and officers are required to communicate through the medium of welsh to level 1. If you are unable to communicate to this level, you will be granted 6 months from appointment in the role to achieve this level. We have excellent welsh learning opportunities in Force to assist you in achieving this level including access to an online course.

Depending on the nature of the role, there may be have a higher welsh level requirement. You will be tested that you have this ability before being invited to attend an interview.

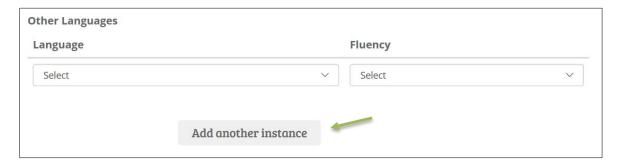
To determine your welsh language ability, please use the document provided



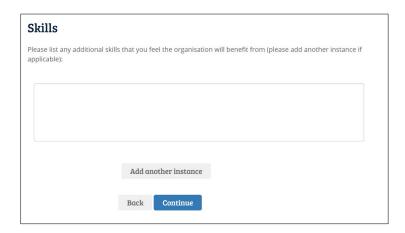


The communities of Dyfed Powys Police are diverse and as such you may be able to communicate in other languages. This is your opportunity to inform us of your language skills other than Welsh and English. To add more than one language, click 'Add another instance'.

Please note: this is not a mandatory question



The Skills section is not mandatory but is your opportunity to inform us of any skills you have that may be relevant to the role which are not listed on the Role Profile. To add more than one skill, use the 'Add another instance' functionality. If you do not wish to add any skills, you may leave this page blank and click 'Continue'.



Dyfed Powys Police has a "Secondary Employment and Business Interest Policy" which states that if you intend to continue with an existing business or employment then it will be necessary to seek permission from the Chief Constable upon appointment into a role. This includes any volunteering that you wish to continue as well as paid employment.

At this stage, you do need to provide any further information on your business interest, but do need to confirm that you are aware that you will need to declare more information such as the extent of your involvement which will be reviewed and approved/declined accordingly.

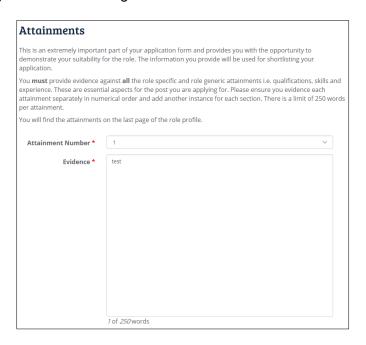
If you wish you discuss this further before applying, do not hesitate to contact the recruitment team.



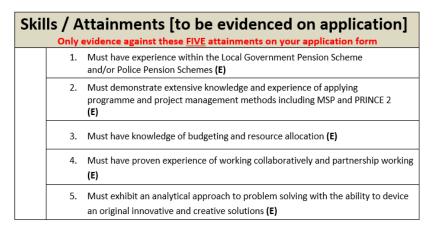
Attainments

This is an extremely important part of your application form and provides you with the opportunity to demonstrate your suitability for the role. The information you provide will be used for shortlisting your application.

You **MUST** provide evidence against the **FIVE** listed attainments i.e. qualifications, skills and experience. These are essential aspects for the post you are applying for. When evidencing against the attainments, you must 'Add another instance' for each attainment. They must be added in numerical order i.e. 1 - 10 or your application will be rejected at shortlisting.



You will find the attainments that you must evidence against on the **last page** of the role profile which is attached to the vacancy page:



Please follow the instructions carefully (e.g. word count) as failure to do so may result in your application being rejected.

Other attainments will be listed on the role profile however these are to provide candidates further information for interviewing purposes only – you do not need to evidence against these as part of the shortlisting process.

Please ensure you download and save a copy of the role profile as you will need to reference against this later on in the recruitment process.

Attainment Examples



It is crucial that Dyfed Powys Police recruitment team provide clear guidance on what is expected of the applicant when completing the attainment section of the application form questions. The below examples have been created to demonstrate what is expected and would be a low or high scoring answer:

Attainment Asked	Suggested evidence to provide	Low scoring Answer	High Scoring Answer
Must be educated to Degree Standard	 Subject of degree Date obtained Place of Study Grade Achieved Other related Education 	I have a degree.	I recently attended Swansea University where I studied a BSc Business Management Degree and achieved the grade of 2:1. During my time at university, I completed various in house training courses with my current employer such as First Aid at Work and IOSHH.
Must demonstrate a practical approach to problem solving	- Provide an example that demonstrates that you have problem solving skills - Explain exactly what the problem was & how you overcame it	My current role requires me to overcome problems on a daily basis.	I was responsible for sending the company's new brochure to print but our managing director requested significant changes to the design at the last minute and I knew that it would not be possible to meet the printer's deadline. I had built a strong relationship with the printing company so my first move was to give them a call and explain the situation. It was agreed that they would hold off for a few hours but I knew this would still not give the designers enough time. I then spoke to the designers & together we worked out what had to be changed and what was quick to change. I approached my MD and explained that certain amendments should be left as their significance was disproportionate to the late fees we would incur. Having secured sign off, the designers focused on the main issues and we were able to send the brochures to print without being penalised.

Once you have completed your evidence against the attainments and you are happy with your responses click 'Continue' which will then take you to the declaration page.

Before submitting your application form, go back through your application by clicking through any of the headings listed under 'Progress Tracker'.

Progress Tracker

- ✓ About You
- **X** Tattoos
- ✓ Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 Guidance
- X Criminal Histories
- ✓ Employment
- Qualifications
- X Language Skills
- ✓ Skills
- X Business Interests
- Attainments
- **≭** References
- ✓ Declaration



Any heading on the progress tracker showing an 'X' next to them, means that mandatory fields have not been completed. You will not be able to submit the form unless all information has been completed.

Once you are happy that you have completed the form accurately, you can submit your application form.

Read the declaration carefully and ensure you tick the circle by the red asterisk (*) to confirm you agree with the above statement and click submit.

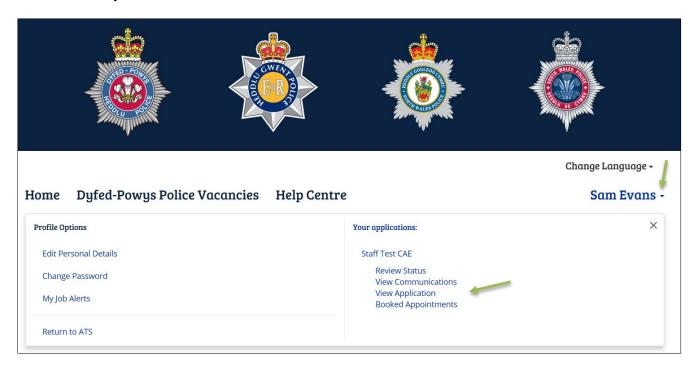


If you have not completed all the mandatory fields on the application form questions, you will not be able to submit your application and the below error will show.



You can monitor the process of your application by logging in to your portal at any time.

All emails that are sent to you will also be stored in your portal. To view these, log into your account, click the arrow next to your name and view communications.



All submitted applications will be **shortlisted** by trained members of staff and/or Officers.

For some roles, candidates may be required to undertake *testing*. These tests will vary by role and in most cases will be advertised on the vacancy. Some of the common tests undertaken in Dyfed Powys Police include:

- Typing
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Analytical Skills

If a role requires the successful candidate to be able to communicate higher than welsh language level 1, candidates will be subject to a welsh language test prior to interview. This is usually conducted over the phone.

If successful at the shortlisting/testing stages you will be emailed an invite to attend an interview. The interview date is advertised on the job advert. We try to adhere to this date however operational needs sometimes cause interviews to be delayed.

The *interview* process has been designed to get a more rounded picture of you as an individual. It examines how your values and those of Dyfed Powys Police might match. By carrying out this interview we are ensuring that you are making the right choice and thus will have every chance of being a successful Dyfed-Powys Police member of staff.

The values and competencies that we are looking for in this interview have been through a rigorous process of research to ensure that they are relevant to the role and are fair to everyone being interviewed. These are:

Values

- Public Service
- Impartiality
- Integrity
- Transparency

Competencies

- We are emotionally aware
- We take ownership
- We deliver, support & inspire
- We are collaborative
- We analyse critically
- We are innovative and open-minded

You will be provided with full details of what is expected, however to prepare prior to an invite to interview, the marking guide can be found on the Role Profile attached to the advert.

Due to current government guidance, interviews will be conducted via video call utilising Skype; however consideration will be made for individuals who are unable to use this option. These individuals would be considered on a case by case basis.

If you are unsuccessful at interview, there may be an opportunity to be provided with feedback from the panel members.



Once you are confirmed as the successful applicant, you will receive a conditional offer of appointment with Dyfed Powys Police via email. This stipulates the conditions that must be satisfied before you can be appointed within the role usually consisting of referencing, functional needs assessment and vetting clearance.

It is strongly advised that candidates do not hand in their notice to their current employer until all pre-employment checks are complete and a final offer has been issued. Dyfed Powys Police reserves the right to retract an offer of employment at any stage of the recruitment process.

Honesty and integrity is at the forefront of everything that we do, therefore you are advised to be open and honest on your application form and at all other stages of the on-boarding process. You must advise the recruitment team of any changes in your circumstances.

All applicants are required to complete a vetting form to proceed to the security clearance part of your selection. You will complete a form during the recruitment and selection process relating to security vetting information. Please log into your portal and complete this form as soon as it is available following your conditional offer. Checks will be completed by our Professional Standards Department and a decision will be made on whether vetting can be granted. *This can take up to 8 weeks or longer depending on individual circumstances.*

At this stage we will make contact with your previous employers for the last 3 years as well as your nominated character/educational referees. It is important that information on your application form is correct and kept up to date. We do not usually contact your current employer until you have been granted vetting clearance. Any sickness declared by a previous employer will be reviewed by Senior Management in line with Dyfed Powys Police Absence Management policy.

You will also complete a Functional Needs Assessment (FNA) which will be reviewed by our Occupational Health Unit. A FNA identifies the suitability of a person in terms of health to the role that they have applied for. It will identify any needs that the person may have to fulfil their duties and offer reasonable adjustments where applicable.

If you pass all of the above stages, we will contact your current employer for a reference. Any sickness declared by your current employer will be reviewed by Senior Management in line with Dyfed-Powys Police Absence Management policy.



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can I start an application, save & return another time to complete?

Yes of course you can.

Please create a user account by registering on the system. When creating a user account you will be required to create a password. It is vitally important that this password is recorded. Passwords entered incorrectly will impede your ability to access your application form. If you forget your password, you will be able to reset it by clicking the 'forgot your password?' button.

If you have previously created an account, simply click 'login' prior to commencing your application.

You must complete and submit the application before the closing date.

2. Will I receive confirmation that my application has been received?

You will receive an automated email when your application has been received by Dyfed Powys Police.

3. My documents won't attach to my application form. What should I do?

Please contact the recruitment team via email: BSU-HR-Recruiting@dyfed-powys.police.uk stating your applicant number and the job reference.

4. I would like to find out more about the role advertised, who do I contact?

If you would like to find out more about the role, or clarify some of the tasks in the role profile, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at BSU-HR-Recruiting@dyfed-powys.police.uk

5. Can I submit my application in Welsh?

Yes of course. Applications can be submitted in both Welsh and English and your language preference will not have impact on your application form. You can change the language of the recruitment pages including application form, by using the change language toggle.

6. I am having problems with the website, what should I do?

There is a help desk on the main recruitment page with solutions on how to fix common system problems. If you are still having difficulties, please contact the recruitment team .



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