

Latest barred list data released

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Police dismissals figures made publicly available as part of our commitment to transparency

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We've published the latest annual figures for officers placed on the [barred list](#) following a conduct hearing between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023. The number of regular police officers (excluding members of the Special Constabulary) placed on the list was 394, compared with 299 the previous year.

The barred list is used by police forces and some other public bodies to ensure someone who was dismissed can no longer work in policing. This includes individuals who decide to retire or resign during an investigation. It is publicly searchable using an officer's name.

?The largest proportion of these officers were police constables (342), followed by sergeants (36). The most senior rank where an officer appears on the list is chief superintendent (2).

There are 523 reasons recorded for the dismissals, which are outlined in the figures, with several officers having committed several breaches. The highest of these show:

- 75 instances of dishonesty
- 51 instances of sexual offences or misconduct
- 41 instances of discriminatory behaviour

Separately, 170 police staff and 34 officers from the Special Constabulary were dismissed during the same reporting period.

We are committed to ensuring that there is no place in policing for those whose conduct falls well below the standards that are set.

Public trust is essential and forces across the country are committed to rooting out officers and police staff who damage that trust.

We have strengthened vetting, set high standards in recruitment, and continue to clamp down on unacceptable conduct so that the public can have confidence in the many hard-working, dedicated officers who come to work to keep them safe.

Chief Superintendent Andy Walker, Head of Uniformed Policing at the College of Policing

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Previous figures

Between its introduction on 15 December 2017 and the end of this reporting period on 31 March 2023, a total of 1,505 officers have been added to the barred list.

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