

Continuing professional development (CPD)

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Not all continuing professional development is about doing courses and formal training. There are many other ways you can develop in your role. This example shows how CPD can help make career decisions.

Stage of CPD

Example

Learn	They then spent time shadowing a colleague in the force intelligence unit to get a better understanding of the role and found about the intelligence professionalisation program (IPP) and the route into that role.
Record, apply and share	With a better understanding of how important their current role was in gathering intelligence and sharing it with their colleagues, they applied for a secondment to the intelligence unit. They were successful.

Where do I go next?

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