

In early 2018, the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) became the **Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC)**

> What is different?

- our name
- our leadership structure

> What hasn't changed?

- our independence
- our purpose
- our role in over-seeing the police complaints system
- our role in providing an independent appeal mechanism for some complaint investigations carried out by the police
- our role in carrying out independent investigations into serious and sensitive cases (for example, deaths following police contact)
- our role in using what we learn through our work to improve policing

> Why did we change?

Since 2013, the IPCC doubled in size and took on nearly six times as many independent investigations. In 2013/14, the IPCC began 109 independent investigations and in 2016/17, this rose to 590 investigations. Given this level of growth, we needed a leadership structure that was better suited to a much expanded organisation. In 2015, the IPCC made a number of recommendations to the Home Office to instigate this change.

We now have a new, simpler structure with a Director General, Michael Lockwood, at the head of our organisation. The Director General is supported by a network of regional directors and a director for Wales. Our name has changed because we are no longer a commission.

Many of the changes reflect our internal structures and processes, but the core service we provide remains the same.

Find out more at: www.policeconduct.gov.uk/who-we-are