

Be a part of CoLP's new ethics forum

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Would you like to be a part of a new policing ethical dilemma forum being established by the City of London Police, discussing key issues to aid our learning and development? Then read on...

For over four years, CoLP has been a founder member of the London Police Challenge Forum (LPCF). Since its launch in December 2016, the LPCF has discussed over 50 ethical dilemmas and has been a pivotal member of regional and UK-level ethics networks. These include ethics committees from the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, NHS Trusts & leading universities. City of London Police officers and police staff members have been key participants in these discussions.

Why do we need ethics committees and forums?

These environments provide an opportunity to discuss 'grey areas' where there's no immediate right or wrong answer. An example of when this led to real change was when groups around the country discussed the rights and wrongs of relationships at work. This was then debated at the national level and led directly to the introduction of the NPCC Guidance on Inappropriate Relationships in the Workplace. Opinions are sought on real-life issues too, for example, on the appropriateness of providing facilities to test drugs at a music festival, instead of confiscating them and taking action against the users.

Ethics forums continue to increase and grow in popularity across London and the wider policing family. Each member of the LPCF (CoLP, British Transport Police, Metropolitan Police Service and National Counter Terrorism Policing HQ) is now establishing their own independent ethics forums. These, in turn, will feed into a wider London forum, also being set up for the future.

CoLP's new independent ethics forum will build on the success of the former LPCF and contribute to the future London forum, with direct access to the United Kingdom Police Ethics Guidance Group (UKPEGG), chaired by the NPCC lead for the Police Code of Ethics.

Find out more and take part in the forum

This is where you come in! On 22 April 2021 at 1100, Stuart Phoenix, Head of Strategic Development, is holding the first official CoLP ethics engagement forum of 2021, via Teams. During the session, approximately 60 to 90 minutes, more information will be provided on police ethics forums and **two** topical ethical dilemmas will be discussed. Further examples of the kind of thing you might find yourself discussing include whether being a freemason is incompatible with being a police officer or whether facial recognition technology is discriminatory.

Want to have your say? To get involved and register your interest, please email Stuart Phoenix. **This opportunity is open to all officers and staff but please register with Stuart before attending.**

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