

## OFFICE OF CONSTABLE

Version 4

### 1. Policy statement

The Office of Constable is sacrosanct. The strength of the British police service is that we police by consent. Consent comes from the knowledge that police officers are impartial and accountable for their actions. The Office of Constable ensures the operational independence of the police service and maintains the integrity, impartiality and accountability of operational policing and must remain at the heart of British policing.

### 2. Responsibility

The National Board is responsible for all policy formation.

### 3. Summary

PFEW believes that the Office of Constable is unique because it is the duty of police officers to protect life and property, preserve order, and prevent the commission of offences and where an offence has been committed, to take measures to bring the offender to justice.

### 4. Procedures/implementation

PFEW will continue to lobby at every opportunity to preserve the constitutional position of police officers for the benefit of our members, the Service and the public.

Responsibility is delegated to the National Secretary and/or appropriate sub-committee.

	Author	Date	Date to be reviewed	Change
Version 1	EP-KP	Jan 2015	Jan 2016	
Version 2	EP-KP	March 2016	March 2017	No change
Version 3	Ep-KP	March 2017	March 2018	No change
Version 4	KP	January 2019	March 2020	Minor changes

Signed by:

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National Chair

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National Secretary